

PRISON FOR WOMEN
P.O. Box 515,
KINGSTON, Ontario. K7L 4W7

tightwire

VOL. 23, NO. 4
WINTER ISSUE / 89

A SEASON FOR

S
H
A
R
I
N
G
AND
C
A
R
I
N
G

SEASON'S
GREETINGS

CENTRE OF CRIMINOLOGY

DEC 4 1989

LIBRARY



IRREGARDLESS of any
dire circumstances that
maybe in play

T I G H T W I R E

STAFF

EDITOR .. Christina Boyland
CORKIE

Co.Editors .. Ann Riddell
.. Lu Ann Johnson

IN APPRECIATION
TO
SISTERS IN POPULATION
for
THE PRINTING & ASSEMBLY
of
T I G H T W I R E

many thanks
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM :-

B. Auger
Brenda Blondell
Esther Bolton
Melissia Caplan
Jim Cavanagh
Michelyne Cakoa Cleary
Dawn
Cecilia David
Dorianna
Gayle Horri

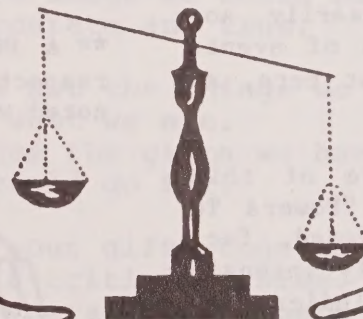
Susie Hunt
Jake
Rhoda Johnson
Anita Kelly
Heather Longabeer
F. Lex
Kathy Logan
John Loughrey
Lisa M. MacDonald
Nancy

Colleen Stonechild

SPECIAL THANKS FOR THEIR INVALUABLE ASSISTANCE :--

Social Development
C. Baksh
G. Rebec

Len P4W Printers
Janet Burgess
Joanne Martin



TIGHTWIRE is a quarterly publication by the Federal Prisoners at the Prison For Women in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. All material is subject to Censorship by the Administration prior to printing.

* OVER 90% of content within this publication, together with all typesetting, layout and design work - including the printing is done within the walls of P4W by the population

EDITORIAL -

In this "winter" issue of **TIGHTWIRE**, I had fully anticipated Keeping the content as "light" in nature as possible - for two specific reasons - one being; the "Christmas" season at hand; secondly, due to the fact our "Fall" publication explicitly dealt with the depressing issue of confinement, (namely incarceration) and the devastating effects of same. However, unfortunately because of the current "on-going" **CRISIS** here at P4W, **PRISON FOR WOMEN**, makes that original game-plan next to impossible to achieve...

As Editor of **Tightwire** - a publication that circulates across Canada and regions beyond: namely Ireland and England - I would be remiss in my duties should I not enlighten our readership of the Hard, Cold Facts with respect to this potentially, highly explosive situation, that is currently at hand, here at P4W.

Consequently, within this issue, you will be exposed to an article (not as indepth as I would have liked it to be due to restrictive space,) depicting the current **crisis** and its horrendous repercussions emanating from elements within the **Prison for Women** Institution and that were dreadfully allowed to become completely out-of-control and shamelessly, un-necessarily so, inciting the drastic chain of events which recently came to past here, at P4W.

Hopefully, through exposure of this nature, perhaps pertinent "Powers To Be" will gain some much-needed, factual insight into the highly intensified atmosphere that is ludicrously being allowed to remain in play; mainly due to their inability to view the **CRISIS** in its proper perspective, consequently, not being able to successfully alleviate same.

"Time Is Not On Our Side!"

- we are literally fighting for our lives -

The **dynamite** is **STILL** in place
- simply awaiting for the **fuse** to be lit...

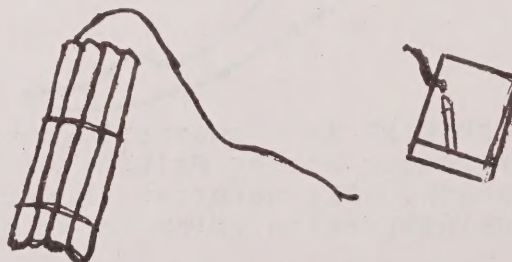
- **Must It Come To That!** -

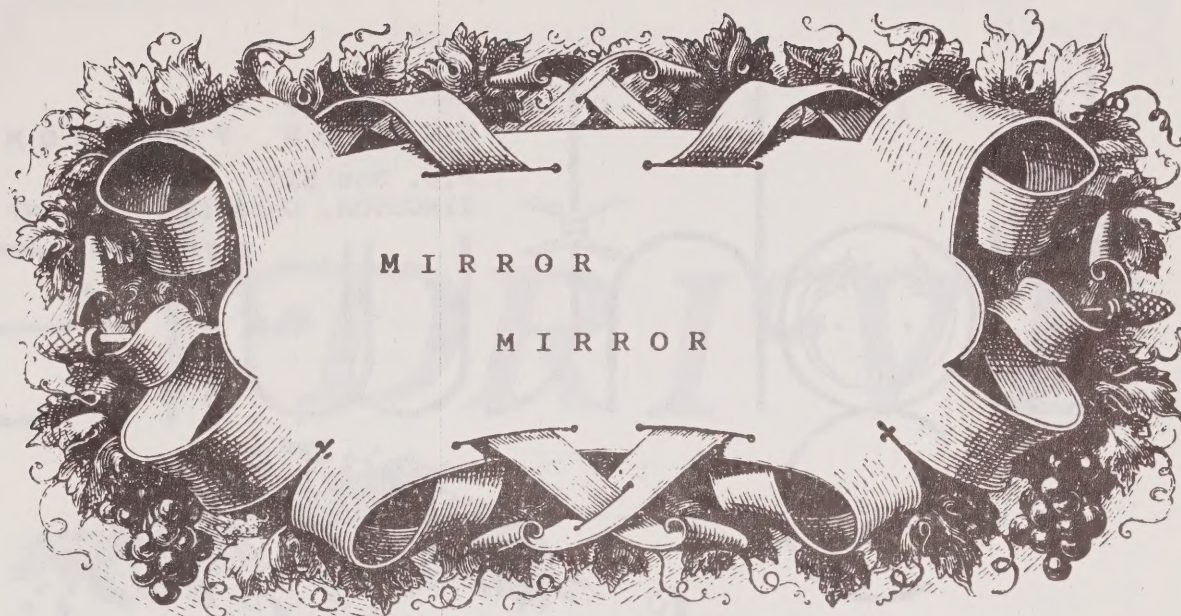
Christine "CORKIE" Boyland
EDITOR

FOOTNOTE: Due to the fact our publication is quarterly, no doubt, by the time of printing - this scenario will have changed... hopefully amiably resolved for all concerned...and will be noted in our up-coming future "Spring" issue accordingly....

NOTE: All opinions and views expressed in **TIGHTWIRE** are those of the authors and not the magazine, nor the administration...

**** A HORRENDOUS NEWS RELEASE **** with respect to our **CRISIS** - here at P4W - noted within...





I've looked in many mirrors
that were not true to me.
For they only showed an image,
not what others see.

Mirrors show a picture,
but always in reverse.
So no matter how we look at them;
we only see the worst.

We look upon our lives the same
never seeing strength and talent.
Just finding faults and weakness,
not placing Good in balance.

If we could go outside ourselves
and see what others do.
I'm sure the image we would have
would be accurate and true.

For life is not the things we're not,
But simply what we are.
And if we use the gifts we have,
We really could go far.

So collect your gifts together,
and put self-criticism aside.
Then treat yourself as others should;
with special thanks and pride.

inspired by and dedicated to:

JO-ANNE MAYHEW

by - Lisa M. MacDonald
September 9, 1989.....

tightwire

PRISON FOR WOMEN

P.O. Box 515,
KINGSTON, Ontario. K7L 4W7



Season's Greetings

TIGHTWIRE is a quarterly publication with a paid subscription and circulates across Canada and regions beyond. Our magazine is produced and printed in its entirety here at Prison For Women in Kingston, the only Federal Institution for women in Canada and has been in existence for approximately ten years. Because of these factors making our publication "UNIQUE", we are extremely effective with our readership, thus lending importance and creditability to our publication.

We feature many interesting articles and will begin to display original artwork all initiating from prisoners within the system. Other articles, which are featured at times are controversial and quite timely with respect to current affairs and at the same time, provide a little humor for your enjoyment.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, re spiraling over-head costs etc., find ourselves in financial difficulties and in the midst of a campaign to initiate new funding to enable us to continue to publish TIGHTWIRE.

WE THEREFORE NEED YOUR PAID SUBSCRIPTION TO KEEP US AFLOAT!!!!!!!!!!



SUBSCRIPTION FORM

CHECK WHICH APPLICABLE

ONE YEAR \$10.00

TWO YEARS \$18.00

NEW SUBSCRIPTION

RENEWAL

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

MONEY ORDER ONLY!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

POSTAL CODE _____

S U B S C R I P T I O N



DRIVE

WE NEED ----- "YOUR PAID"

S U B S C R I P T I O N

TO SURVIVE !

P L E A S E ----- T E L L A F R I E N D !

see details - on subscription form inside

THANK YOU!

tighwire



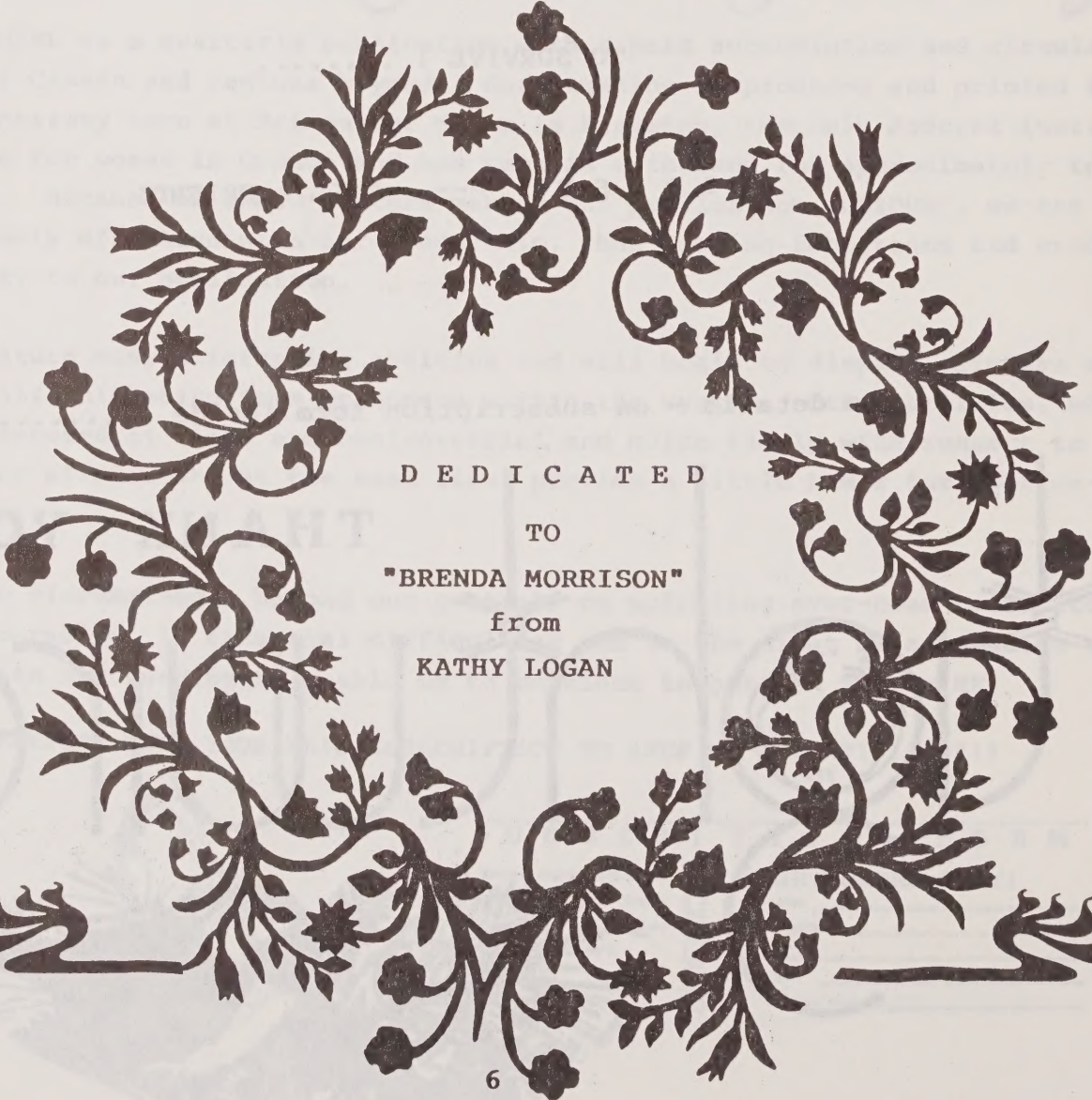
"YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO ME"

I do believe the lord above
Created you for me to love
He picked you out from all the rest
Cause he knew I'd LOVE you the best.

I had a heart and it was true
So now it goes from me to you
So treat it right as I have done
For you have two and I have none.

If I go to heaven and you're not there
I'll wait for you by the golden stairs
If you're not there come judgement day
I'll know you went the other way.

So I'll throw away my golden halo
My angle wings and all those things
To prove to you my LOVE is true
I'd wait a life time to be with you.



DEDICATED

TO

"BRENDA MORRISON"

from

KATHY LOGAN



DESTRUCTION

Quand le ciel bas et lourd pese comme un couvercle
Sur l'esprit gemissant en proie aux longs ennuis
Et qu' de l'horizon embrassant tout le cercle
Il nous verse un jour noir plus triste que les nuits

Quand la terre est changee en un cachot humide
Ou l'esprance comme une chauve souris
S'en va battant les murs de son aile timide
Et se cognant la tete a des plafonds pourries

Quand la pluie etalant ses immenses trainees
d'une vaste prison imite les barreaux
Et qu'un peuple muets d'infames araignees
Viennent tendre ses filets au fond de mon cerveau

Je sent vibre en moi toutes les passions
d'un vaisseau qui souffre, le bon vent, la tempete et ses convulsion
Sur l'immense gouffre, me bercent
D'autre fois calme plat, grand miroir de mon desespoir!
Il me conduit ainsi, loin du regard de dieu
Haletante et brisee de fatigue, au milieu des plaines de l'ennuis
Profondes et desertes .. et jette dans mes yeux plains de confusions
Des vetements inutiles, des blessures ouvertes

ET L'APPAREIL SANGLANT DE LA DESTRUCTION!!!

Michelyne Cakoa Cleary
28-11-86

A P O L O G I E S



- are sincerely extended to : THERESA G. of the population on behalf of TIGHTWIRE for omitting her name on the puzzle pages in our FALL issue.

Unfortunately there will be no puzzle entry in our Christmas issue due to restrictive space, however our readership can look forward to having another submission from Theresa in the SPRING issue.....

VICIOUSNESS

Viciousness Begets
Viciousness

As a woman incarcerated in a men's penitentiary, after existing for three years in a woman's prison, I am more aware of the importance of the man-woman methods of relating and critically communicating than I otherwise may have been.

After an abusive and provoking altercation with a female guard here, the questioning that began ending with a comparison of female staff here to those at Kingston's Prison 4 Women and Lakeside upon which I reflected using my experiences and observations. The importance of the absolute ramifications of the reality of responsibility of all females working in men's institutions cannot be invalidated.

The overt behaviours of all women, be they prisoner or guard or in any other capacity, greatly influences the men they are in contact with. I am very conscious of my responsibilities, but firstly those as simply a woman, to represent my biological sex in the highest way possible given the limitations of my circumstances as prisoner. Should I behave in a manner

appearing overly aggressive, abusive, insensitive or taunting to the dignity of any male, I am betraying the possibility of fairness to all women by men in general.

I can appreciate that many women in other categories may be judged due to my actions. The reality is that as a minority of one, whether I like it or not, whether I agree with it or not, I do represent all women imprisoned and perhaps all women, as some men incarcerated may not have had and will not have the opportunity for contact with any other women for some years.

I am concerned that if I, as a woman, am outraged when my personal dignity is denied by another woman, that men must assuredly feel the same way, and in fact, understandably more intensely, which could be psychologically and lastingly damaging.

I have more compassion for women in general, after being incarcerated with women for 3 years, than I had before imprisonment. However, in addition to more compassion, I have more awareness of how the role of a woman in an authoritative role may have grave consequences for all women. If any woman with authoritative powers over men abuse that power through neglect, inhumanity, in-

sensitivity, degradation, or disrespect for the very manhood of the man being denigrated, then surely she is a blight upon the entire state of womanhood and has the potential to further erode any semblance of respect for women in general.

Any woman who chooses to hide her awareness behind a set of MAN-made rules, by denying any male in her sphere of influence, his personal dignity, is directly contributing to any negative attitudes towards women that the man brings with him into prison and will undoubtedly take out with him into society.

A woman in a role of power has an obligation to the women over the ages who have paid the extreme in price of beatings, torture, incest, rape, mutilation, and killings. Women in power must display themselves and conduct their actions with the supreme perception of humanity, to promote respect and love for all people, particularly any disadvantaged peoples - among them prisoners.

To do otherwise is to betray all women. I can understand the insensitivity of some men. Much of society has approved brutality

masked under the guise of law and order. Men were given orders at Mai Lai by men and men efficiently carried out these "orders to Massacre" with no thought nor feeling. In Beijing, China, today, similar men are giving similar orders, which again and again are immorally being obeyed.

Doing a "man's job" is one thing, but it doesn't mean a woman should copy the worst traits of some men, those of disguising their need to assert power in order to raise their own narcissistic images at the expense of the powerless.

Women have an opportunity to show how a woman in a position of power can achieve any objective without lowering herself to the methods of brutality, degradation and denial of human dignity. The robotic mimicking of inane rules and regulations carried out simply because it is the hard and fast interpretation can prove a woman is equal to some men and proves also that she's as stupidly dangerous and capable of mass punishment and slaughter..

I'm fed up with the denial of women to take some responsibilities for the contributions they make towards the ongoing brutality of men towards women. Why do some men hate

women? What makes some men become sexual offenders? What drives some men to re-offend?

Is part of the contribution of brutality against women and children, the women who assert power over men in a cruel and degrading MANNer?

Tell me it isn't so.

"HOW CAN ABUSING PEOPLE TEACH PEOPLE THAT ABUSING PEOPLE IS WRONG?"

Gayle K. Horii
Matsqui Penitentiary
Abbotsford, B.C.
V2S 4P3

June, 1989

HELL

SOMEONE'S

SLASHING

BLEEDING

HANGING

COME DOWN PLEASE CUT THEM DOWN

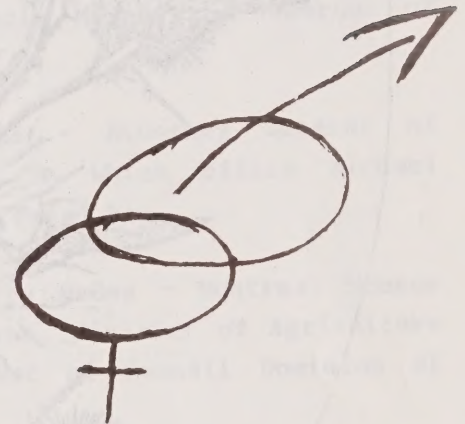
WHO'S THAT FLYING

FLYING

DYING

HELP PLEASE HELP THEM SEE THEM FREE!

Rhoda Johnson





" A MOMENT IN TIME "

A BUTTERFLY BLOOMS
COLOUR AND JOY EMULATES
QUICKLY PASSING BY
.....

John Loughrey

IRELAND

A WEE IRISH TALE

In the Young Irish disorders in Ireland in 1848, the following nine men were captured, tried and convicted of treason against Her Majesty, the Queen, and were sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Lyene, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O'Gorman, Terrence McNanus and Michael Ireland.

Before passing sentence, the judge asked if there was anything that anyone wished to say. Meagher, speaking for all, said, "My lord, this is our first offense, but not our last. If you will be easy with us this once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen, to try to do better next time. And next time - sure we won't be fools to get caught."

Thereupon, the indignant judge sentenced them all to be hanged by the neck until dead and drawn and quartered. Passionate protest from all the world forced Queen Victoria to commute the sentence to transportation for life to far wild Australia.

In 1874, word reached the astounded Queen Victoria, that the Sir Charles Duffy who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia, was the same

Charles Duffy who has been transported 25 years before. On the Queen's demand, the records of the rest of the transported men were revealed and this is what was uncovered:

Thomas Francis Meagher - Governor of Montana,

Horris Lyene - Attorney General of Australia, in which office Michael Ireland succeeded him,

Thomas D'Arcy McGee - Montreal Member of Parliament, Minister of Agriculture and President of Council Dominion of Canada,

Richard O'Gorman - Gov. Gen. of Newfoundland,

John Mitchell - prominent New York politician and father of John Mitchell, Mayor of New York at the outbreak of W.W.I.; Terrance McNanus and Patrick Donahue - both Brigadier Generals in the United States Army.

Compliments of

Quaker Committee on Jails & Justice
60 Lowther Ave.,
TORONTO, Ont.
M5R 1C7

C → U R R E N T



R

ENDERING ON-GOING DISTURBING AND PERHAPS IN SOME CASES,
IRREVERSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE POPULATION.

I

S A CRISIS - WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF "IN-SIGHT"
WOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED BY THE "POWERS TO BE".

S

URROUNDING "POWERS TO BE" STILL REFUSE TO VIEW THIS CRISIS
IN ITS' PROPER LIGHT - THAT IS : " POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE
TRAUMATIC DISASTER!"

I

S DEATH - THE ONLY ASPECT TO ENLIGHTEN THE "POWERS TO BE"
OF THE IMMENSE DESPERATION, THE AGONIZING PAIN, THE FEAR
AND UTTER DEPRESSION, THAT IS SO APPARENT AT THIS VERY MOMENT
WITHIN THE COLD, STARK GREY WALLS OF P4W

S

ERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS OF A FAR MORE VIOLENT NATURE ARE EVIDENT
IN BECOMING A REALITY - SHOULD THIS TIME BOMB ON WHICH WE ARE
SITTING ON IS NOT IMMEDIATELY DEACTIVATED!

THE REAL FACTS - WITH RESPECT TO THE
**CURRENT ON-GOING CRISIS AT PRISON FOR
WOMEN**

- KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA -

The reasons behind the recent altercations and self-inflicted **violence**, which has left **Prison for Women** in a **CRISIS** situation are the **repercussions**, directly resulting from the "**sheer negligence**" on the part of the "Powers to Be" for shamelessly allowing the following elements to become completely **out-of-control**:

1. LACK OF SUFFICIENT SPENDING
POWER
(**major issue**)

ie. - average pay level per week -
\$20.00

Essential supplies purchased
by the majority of the
population

- tobacco, tubes, coffee, sugar
creamers -

Cash Factor \$19.95

Leaving a **phenomenal** amount of
.85 to secure the following,
much needed supplies:

- stamps, stationery, laundry
and body products -

Due to the fact there is **no feasible way** for one to exist on the present pay scale/cost of living item situation - the "Powers To Be" therefore **MUST** take **responsibility** for initiating high levels of anxiety, stress, frustration, **depression**, and anger amongst the population and because of the extremity of same, must realize, this situation breathes **VIOLENCE** within the system.

The recent **rampage of violence** at the **Guelph Institution**, unfortunately substantiates these findings.

ie. - Over the previous five months, when Canteen prices inflated without subsequent pay increases, I personally observed the following **pathetic** sequences of events:

(A) **Fellow Sisters** - reduced to a state of utterly **deplorable degradation** - due to having to check and literally steal butts from ashtrays, hopefully when no one was looking.

(B) **Stealing**, although always an element within the system, suddenly became for more apparent - becoming **out-of-control** - resorting to physical confrontations in some instances.

(C) **Confrontations** - both of a verbal and physical nature - became prominent and unbelievably were beginning to be an acceptable occurrence within the system.

- SUBJECT MATTER OF THESE
CONFRONTATIONS -

- P A Y B A C K S -

(D) The **constant** state of borrowing was not only irritating, but was becoming completely **depressing** and subsequently **Out-Of-CONTROL**.

(E) The **actual** state of not having tobacco and coffee for sometimes days on end - whereby borrowing was in - effective, was causing levels of **stress, tensions** and **anxiety** to **SOAR!**

2. **LACK OF FORSIGHT** - in not securing bulk coffee supplies to be available to help defray already overly extended budgets.

- This **un-necessary** element was in play for months and only

recently rectified by placing a "phone call" subsequently securing supplies - my question is -

"Why did it take MONTHS to figure out this simple but effective solution?"

3. **LACK OF A PURCHASING AGENT** - for approximately four months - eliminating a much needed outlet to secure, for the most part, **essential** body supplies.

- Only recently rectified -
"Why some four months later?"

4. **THE MIS-USE OF SEGREGATION FACILITIES** -

- ie. - Percentages seem to indicate there is an increase in numbers of prisoners, being sent to "SEG" for non-violent provocations.

- STILL IN PLAY -

5. **"ACCESSIBILITY" WITH RESPECT TO C.O.'S**

A dire necessity for prisoners for a variety of reasons in particular for **parole** purposes.

- STILL IN PLAY -

6. **THE INTERGRATION OF P/C'S INTO THE POPULATION**

For the record - the issue of P/C's being intergrated into the population has never been successfully accomplished previously. -

- STILL IN PLAY -

FURTHERMORE - to add fuel to the fire "Powers To Be" have recently implemented "new" regulations, supposedly as safety measures against violence within this institution.

-NEW IMPLEMENTED SECURITY MEASURES-

- new increased hourly counts
- restricted time frames put upon prisoners - re, spending time in their cells

(Prisoners are now put into an anxiety situation, whereby they have to decide whether to stay in their cells "**LOCKED DOWN**" or congregate in an activity room, which has a capacity to accommodate some 27 prisoners, when in actuality there are 50 on a range. This activity room also, has only one bathroom to service these same 50 prisoners.

Furthermore, not to discount or belittle the problem of having only two t.v.'s in this same area, whereby we have a multi-cultural population.

The variable tastes alone re the t.v. situation amongst 50 prisoners constitutes verbal confrontations, which could easily erupt into serious altercations.

- restrictive time frames imposed - whereby you are allowed friends in your cell re socializing;
- showering procedures - are now completely **CHAOTIC** with these new measures ie.: -

some prisoners now find themselves coming out of a shower, only to find they are locked out of their cells for an hour, forcing them to sit in the activity room sometimes in a state of near un-dress and more than likely toting soaps and shampoos.

The foregoing so-called "**SECURITY**" measures were supposedly implemented to help alleviate the violence within this institution. Bearing in mind these new measures are restricted to range areas - whereby records indicate - outbursts of a violent nature **HAVE NOT** occurred upon the ranges. These

incidents occur either in the work place or on route to same and therefore these new **SECURITY** measures present **NO** solution to this type of problem within the institution.

It has been stated by the "powers to be" - these new measures will at least reduce the physical confrontations within the cells between prisoners.

WRONG AGAIN! - please take note of the following summation:-

P O S I T I V E F A C T O R S - N I L

ie.- majority of physical confrontations are planned and can therefore simply take place between 4-6 as opposed to 7-10

MAKING THESE MEASURES TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE

N E G A T I V E F A C T O R S - M A J O R

ie.- presently causing already existing levels of stress, anxiety, frustration and anger to **SOAR** to dangerous degrees.

In view of a statement recently made by Mary Cassidy - Warden - that she now realized the new lock-down rules were completely in-effective, probably constituting a "**POOR JUDGEMENT CALL**" - therefore my question:

WHY ARE THEY STILL IN EFFECT?

We are well aware - on-going negotiations are underway trying to resolve the present **CRISIS** here at **P4W**. However, what has one to do with other.

Do we the population, have to continue to suffer under the present new implementation of negative measures causing undo hardships and at the same time, allow the present un-rest amongst us to not only grow but perhaps escalate?

MY QUESTION IS: "FOR WHAT PURPOSE?"

In view of the above findings, we **URGE** you for the **SAFETY** and **WELFARE** of all concerned to **DISCONTINUE** these present **LUDICROUS** measures to help reduce the extremely high levels of **STRESS**, **ANXIETY**, **FRUSTRATIONS** and **ANGER** amongst the population before the situation once again becomes out of control.

Over and above the foregoing extremely **over-powering** negative forces that are in play here at **P4W** - we are now being subjected to an impending strike on the part of "Welfare Program Group" which in fact could negatively affect the following elements - causing already existing **high levels of stress, anxiety, frustrations, depression, and anger**, not only to **SOAR**, but perhaps become totally **OUT-OF-CONTROL** - imitating a riotous situation - necessitating **emergency measures** to quell. Where unfortunately, perhaps a **death** will occur - of either a prisoner, guard, or staff - before these emergency measures are successfully executed.....

MY FINAL QUESTIONS IS: Does it have to come to that end?

Elements which could negatively be affected:

- (1) **Job/Wages;**
- (2) **Parole Hearings;**
- (3) **Canteen Privileges;**
- (4) **ETA & UTA Passes;**
- (5) **Programs;**
- (6) **Socials;**
- (7) **Physical Education;**
- (8) **Yard Privileges;**
- (9) **Visitors;**
- (10) **Correspondence;**
- (11) **Phone Privileges;**

(12) Contact with C.O.'s.

Although I agree with **FREEDOM OF CHOICE** ie. - being able to strike if necessary - I also firmly believe, there are at times **over-powering** circumstances from a humanistic point of view, that "**should not**" be denied and consequently measures take to not permit such a strike to come into effect - **PRISON FOR WOMEN** at this moment fits that criteria. We are already involved in a potentially, highly **EXPLOSIVE** situation.

"MUST THE FUSE BE LIT!"

FOOTNOTE: The current situation here, at **PRISON FOR WOMEN** is deplorable, outrageous and totally un-acceptable not only to us, the population, who are the **VICTIMS** - but also to you, the "Powers To Be" and society for allowing what **IS** currently taking place, here at **P4W** -

- **Slashings - numerous in numbers**
- **Near Fatal Hanging**
- **Increase - in voluntary committment to Segregation Facilities**

(simply not being able to cope with the **over-powering DEPRESSING** atmosphere currently in play within the cold, stark, grey walls of **P4W**.....

**WE NEED HELP NOW -
BEFORE A LIFE IS TAKEN!!!**

Christina "CORKIE" Boyland

- A DEVASTATING NEW RELEASE -

Since the writing of this article - **tragically** our **GREATEST FEAR** has once again come to pass within the walls here of **Prison For Women**.

- D E A T H -

has revisited **P4W** - for the second instance within a ten month period of time.

- On October 12, 1989 - **Sandra Sayer** - 25 years of age succumbed - losing her life - apparent suicide by **hanging...**

Sandra was a friend and fellow sister who not only **sadly** but **un-necessarily** so, spent the **last hours** of her life **ALONE**, because of **LUDICROUS** new regulations, recently implemented here at **P4W**.

The "**Powers To Be**" - **MUST** - take **FULL** responsibility for **that factor!** - not discounting any further **major** roles they may have played within the **tragic** circumstances of her death.....

I personally addressed Mary Cassidy - Warden - on September 18, 1989, in a form of a written documentation, with a further written report to Mr. Willie Gladu - Deputy Warden - of the same date - explicitly depicting my major concerns regarding our current **CRISIS** and in particular the negative effects, the new recently implemented **lock-down** rules, were having on myself and my Sisters-In-Arms, together with subsequent discussions with both parties, as well as I endeavoured to speak with Security, however to **NO AVAIL** - not even a response!

I wish to point out for the record - when trying my upmost to enlighten Security - only a few days prior to **Sandra Sayer's** death - they had **no time for me or my concerns** - stating we'll discuss them at a future date...

Perhaps Now - "Powers To Be" -

Might Find Time To Listen!

- December 3, 1988 - **Marlene Moore** succumbed loosing her life - apparent suicide by possible hanging, **ALSO** - behind the walls of **Prison For Women**.

Within ten short months - **HISTORY** tragically repeats itself - and in extremely similar circumstances.

The deaths, slashings, and altercations - currently taking place here at **P4W** - should be quite evident - to the "**Powers To Be**" - **What More - Are They Waiting For?**

We do not need - on-going negotiations - we need **IMMEDIATE ACTION** to be taken - making decisions **AMIABLY** for all concerned.....

How tragic, that a death had to occur - but I beseech you, "**The Powers To Be**" - not to have **Sandra Sayer's** lost of life - be in vain.....

For Starters:

Immediately eliminate the new lock-down 7-10 ruling - show some **compassion** - if not **humanity**.....

"**CORKIE**"

BUTTERFLY IN A CAGE

I came in here a simple soul
No more or no less than anyone else
Inside the high, grey wall
They tried to take it all.

They tried to steal the laughter
And leave only the pain
They tried to rob the dignity
And leave only the guilt
They tried to capture the mind
And leave only the body behind
I would not let them
And now they are sore.

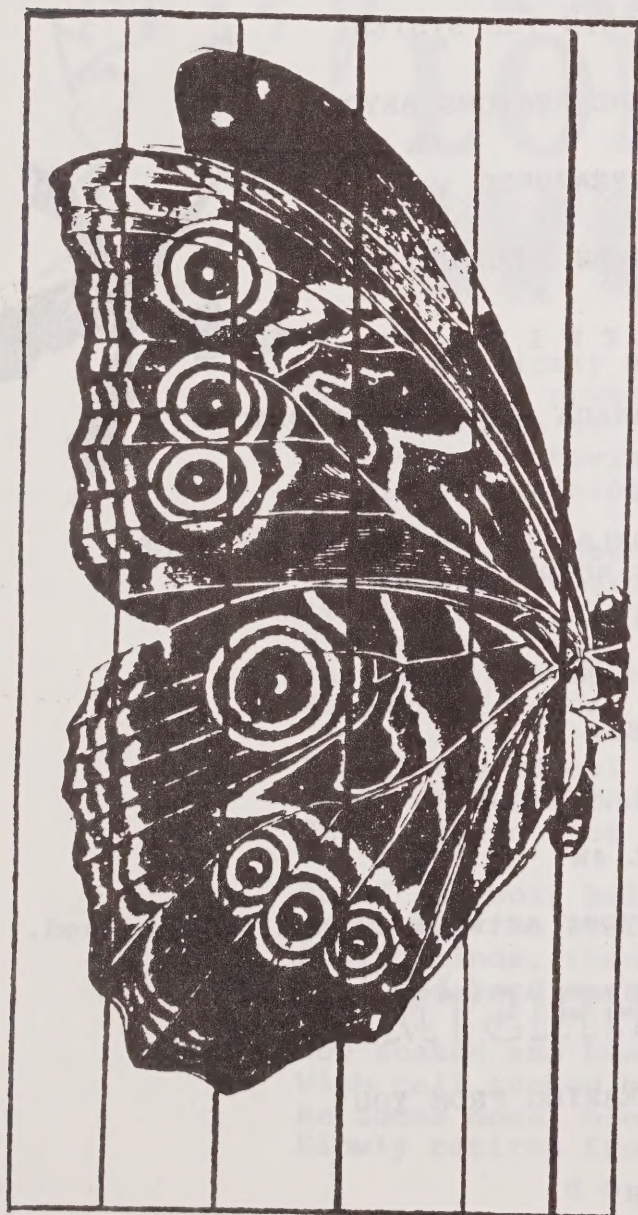
I want them to leave me alone
But they want to even the score
I came in here a simple soul
And you will have to kill me
If you think that you can take
My humanness from me.

dedicated to :

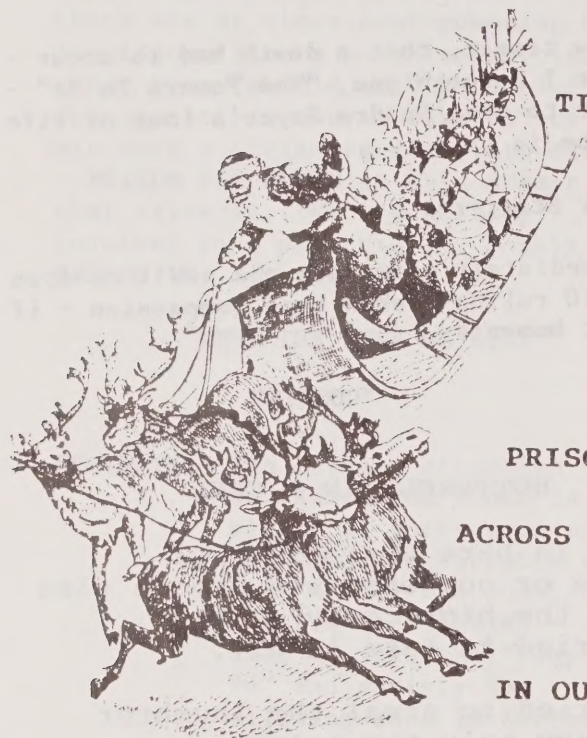
CORRECTIONS SERVICES OF CANADA

at the **FEDERAL PRISON FOR WOMEN** in **KINGSTON**, where the things I saw and felt and heard and lived and experienced and feared
ALMOST TOOK MY LIFE, MY DREAMS MY DIGNITY.

Ann Riddell



NOTICE !



P 4 W

TIGHTWIRE PUBLICATIONS

IS

LOOKING FOR

ORIGINAL ARTWORK

FROM

PRISONERS WITHIN THE SYSTEM

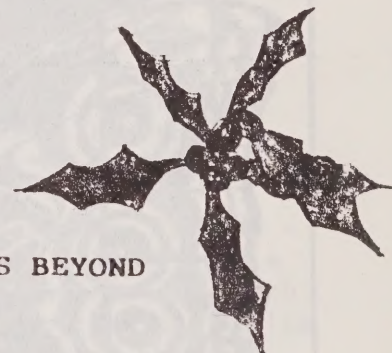
ACROSS CANADA AND REGIONS BEYOND

TO BE FEATURED

IN OUR QUARTERLY PUBLICATION

T I G H T W I R E

DISTRIBUTED ACROSS CANADA AND REGIONS BEYOND



SUBMIT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY - YOUR 8½" x 11" PAGE
ARTWORK TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS :-

TIGHTWIRE PUBLICATIONS

P.O. Box 515,

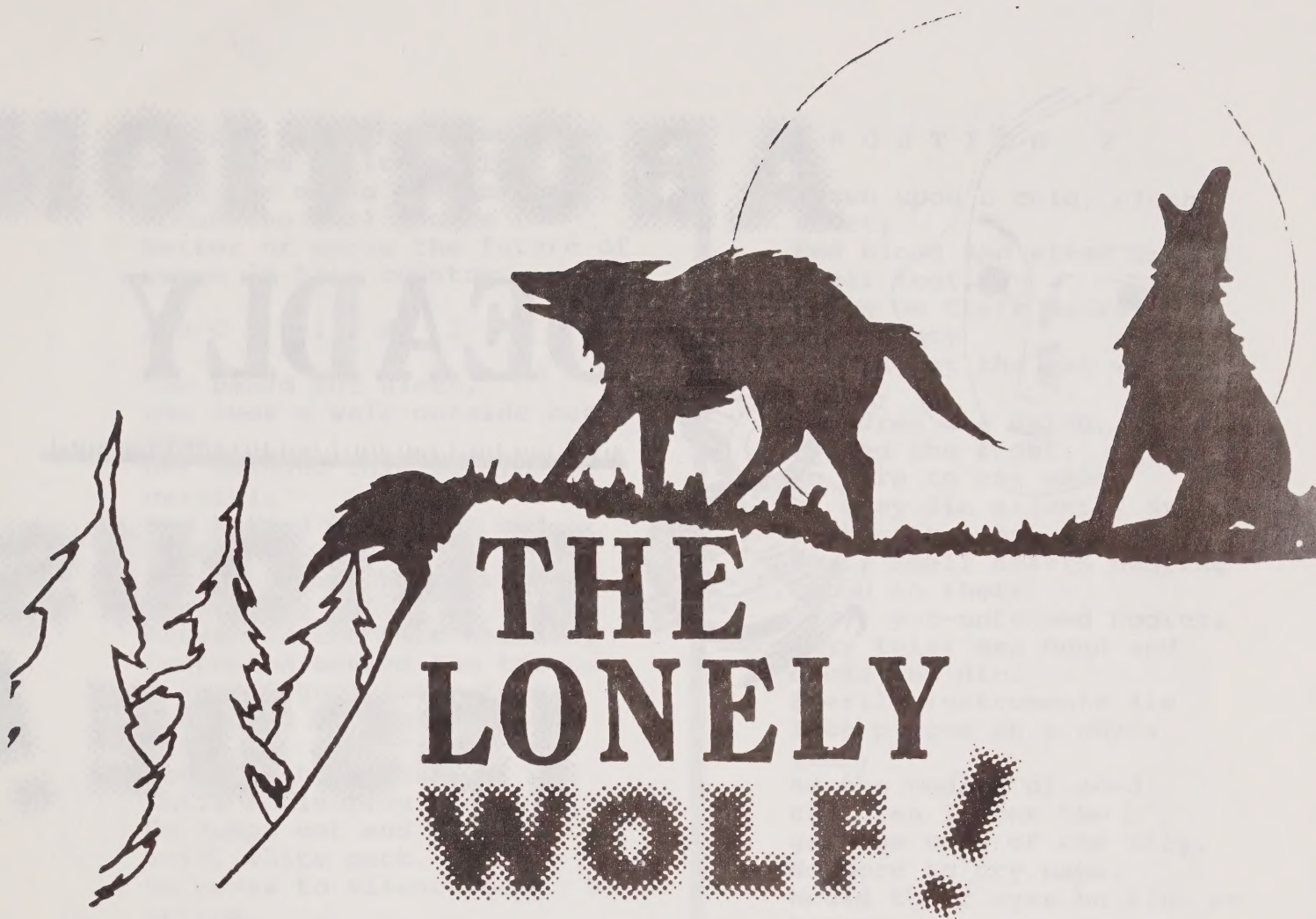
KINGSTON, Ontario.

K7L 4W7

* PLEASE NOTE :- unfortunately your artwork cannot be returned.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOOKING - FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



THE LONELY WOLF!

Four paws firmly gripping the highest rock
He lifts his powerful jaw towards the sky
Body stiffens as if in attention
He howls and howls, the turn of the clock
Long, hair-raising sounds.

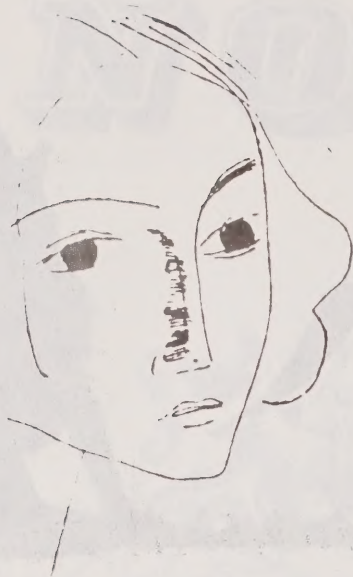
In pitch blackness of the night
His silver fur glows in the shadows
As his frightful growl becomes a purr
The heavens crack and open
Answering his lonely cry
No pack of wolves at his side.

One wide-eyed owl perched on a nearby tree
Looks dumb and confused as she spreads
Her wings to flee

As if the wolf held the world at his command
Pronounced the storm at hand
Raging winds, thunder and fire
Exploded hard on the lonely cryer.

Now soaked and beaten and dry-eyed
With tail tucked between his hind legs
He comes down, blending through the trees
Slowly retires from his escapade.

d o r i a n a



ABORTION DEADLY



ERIOUS ISSUE!

TWO SIDES TO ABORTION

In light of the most recent abortion controversy, I have written two poems to express both sides of the coin. I personally feel, that a woman should have the right to have control over her own body, but I hate to think, that women would use this as a form of birth control. To look at the situation as it is now, is like any other government policy a means to secure more money from the poor because the rich could afford this luxury and that's what this is doing. I feel this is also another way for men to control women because who sits in parliament? "Men" Who has the majority vote in parliament? "Men"

It may seem like I don't place too much trust in men but that's not true, I love them; but men don't have children and if they don't want to take the responsibility for their own sexual urges, then why blame women when they get pregnant.

In light of the two most recent cases before the courts, it's no wonder those in power don't know what to do. It would be so much better if we decided this issue from a human perspective and not a dollars-and-cents one, but I am afraid that, like most of the laws made on Parliament Hill, this issue will be settled only to the benefit of those who can use it as a tax write-off.

I hope, that these two poems
will shed a little light and
open the minds and hearts of
those who will decide for
better or worse the future of
women in this country.

A B O R T I O N 1

She could not sleep,
She took a walk outside her
home,
Her husband told her to be
careful,
She kissed his cheek and
left,
But the woman he knew never
came back.
Hidden in the back streets,
Concealed behind the trees,
A lone figure leans toward
the sound of approaching
steps,
Stealthy he moves ...
Knife reflecting the moon,
He jumps out and grabs her
soft, white neck.
He moves to silence her
scream,
Dragging her to the back
of her own garage,
He pushes her firmly down
and mounts
her like a studded stallion..
Exploding in her thousands of
sperm.
Unwanted life attacks her egg.
She lies defiled, raped,
pregnant.
Coming in off the street to
her husband,
She knows this life can never
exist,
Yet she knows it's there...
That evening her uncle comes
to dinner,
And she comes once again face
to face
with her attacker.
Two months later she lies on
a bed
clinically aborting the life
that can never be.....

A B O R T I O N 2

Spewn upon a cold, clean
sheet,
Red blood and slime around
their feet,
Lying on their backs ...
eyes empty
Staring at the hot white
light,
Children are dying, they're
losing the fight.
No more to cry mama.
As they lie silently dying
within the womb,
Their small hearts pumping
blood to their
tiny, yet-unformed bodies,
They twist and bend and
choke and die.
Sterile instruments lie
like pieces in a chess
game,
As the bodies of dead
children litter the
garbage cans of the city.
No more to cry papa.
Would their eyes be blue or
brown?
Would they grow tall and
free?
Are they boys or girls?
Our future link to
prosperity.
As long, lean needles
probe their bodies
with saline solution or
Suck them out with long
suction tubes
pushed deep into the
uterus.
While others are just
scraped away on the
edge of a cold, sharp
knife.
How do we know their
hearts are dead?
Another woman lies
drugged,
Robbed of her final
thoughts,

Cont.....

For she cannot change
her mind.
It's too late to be
responsible,
As the garbage trucks
roll down the
streets carrying another
load of aborted fetuses...
A cry rings out small and
clear from the
back of the truck...
Mama! Papa! Mama!

Indian says pro-life drive ignores population woes

WIG STANDARD
OCT/3/89

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — The growth of pro-life movements in North America could spell disaster for world population control, an Indian journalist warns.

"Pro-life never stops to think the influence they could have on other nations" with populations that are rapidly growing, even with contraception and abortions available, says Seema Paul, a correspondent for the New Delhi Telegraph.

Paul was one of the panelists at a recent conference for more than 100 international journalists.

She says the hotly debated issue in North America is frustrating for Third World governments.

The United States won't give development aid to countries whose governments promote some forms of family planning, yet it pressures those countries to conserve their environment, she says.

"They won't see that population growth strains land, forest, water and all resources."

Even though contraception is available and abortion is legal, India has a 2.1 per cent growth rate per year, Paul says.

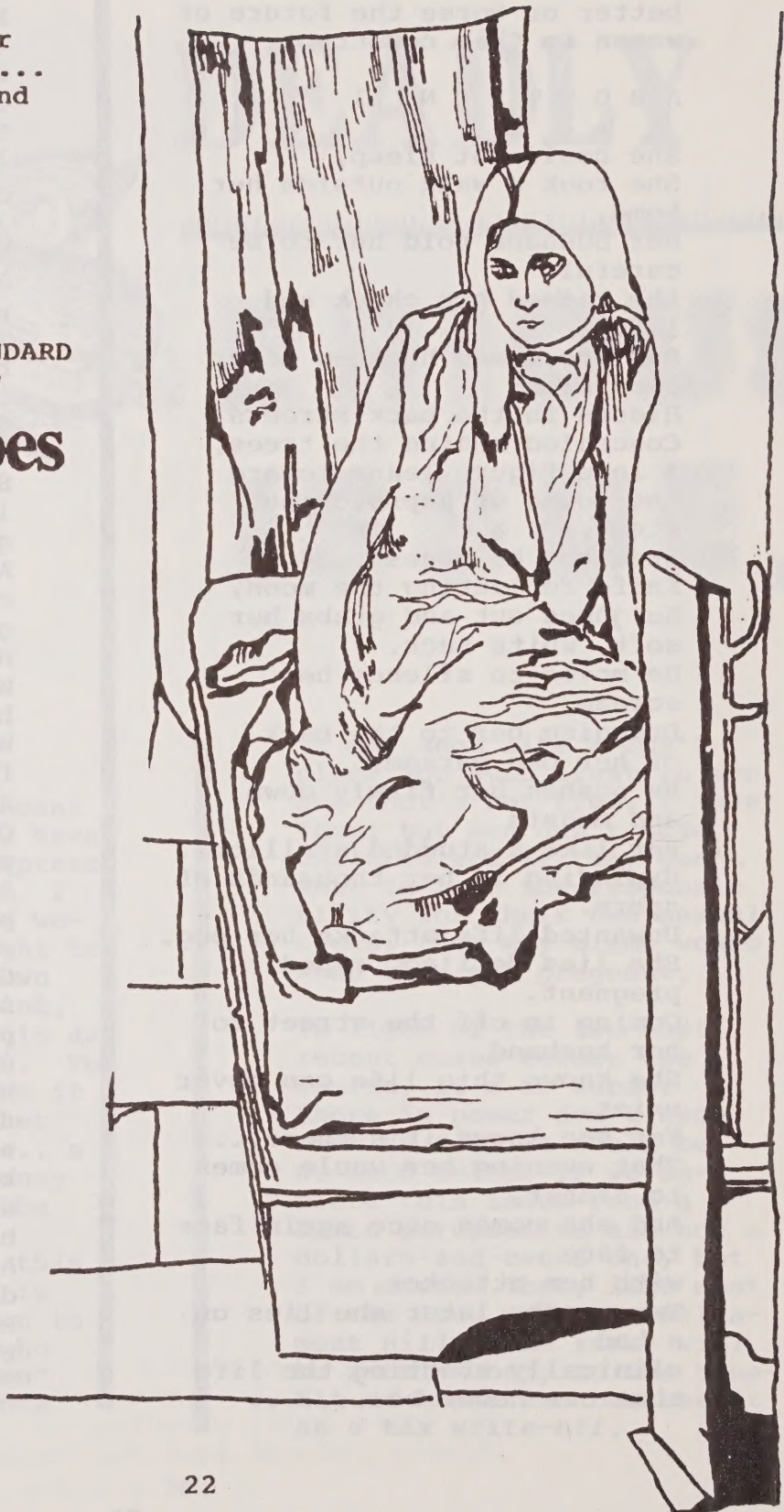
In the near future, her country is expected to overtake China as the most populous nation.

Paul says it was a "shock" to come to North America and find that abortion is mired in controversy.

"India can hardly afford that luxury," she says.

BY :-

ANNE RIDDELL



Aching heart
Lonely one
I feel your pain
Your emptiness
My long distance loner
Secret meetings when the moons are full
Taste your tears - salty sweetness
Your arms they comfort me on lonely nights
Your songs I sing
Heart beat drums my medicines
They burn for you
For strength long-distance friend
Your shadow watching over me keeps me strong
Troubled times
Heavy burdens when you are weak
I will carry you
As you have carried me in your strength
I will dance with you
Rocky paths - challenges of our hearts
I give thanks for this day
However hard it may seem
They have stripped us of pride
of simple touch
They can never strip us of our love
Or of our plans to be together

HEATHER LANGABEER

.....

DO YOU SEE THE FREEDOM I HAVE INSIDE
WHEN YOUR HAND BRUSHES AGAINST MINE
ALL TRUTH AND HONESTY WE HAD NOTHING TO HIDE
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THE WAY IT WAS
AT THE END OF OUR TALKS WILL THERE ALWAYS
BE "because"
I THOUGHT IT WAS NEVER ENDING BUT I
GUESS IT WAS WRONG
ITS ONLY BEEN YOU THAT I HAVE EVER LONGED
NO OTHER WOMAN CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE
BECAUSE YOUR PRECIOUS TOUCH
IS HARD TO ERASE

F. LEX

A
N
C
E
M
T
A
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T
A
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T
A
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T

of a

to the

Annual Arts Competition

(519) 752-7405

N
M
C
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T
**
*
A
N
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T
**
*
A
N
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T
**
*
A
N
N
O
U
N
C
E
M
E
N
T

THE YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

The Canadian Government is about to implement new laws regarding the placement of Young Offenders into Adult Prison population in this country through the back door of Parliament. If it was going through the front door more information regarding this new policy would be communicated to the mothers and fathers of children in Canada. I do adamantly protest this because I feel personally that it is a form of child abuse. We as parents cannot under threat of criminal punishment, break the law or become authority figures to our off spring. The government cannot be allowed to be given the right to do this either.

When we discover our children are breaking the law we do our best to steer them in the right direction and when our children break the rules that keep us as a family in harmony, measures are taken to insure that this does not happen. Our children lose certain privileges when they disrupt the routines of the household. These privileges are reinstated after deviant behaviour returns to the norm. What the Canadian government wants to have the right to do with our children

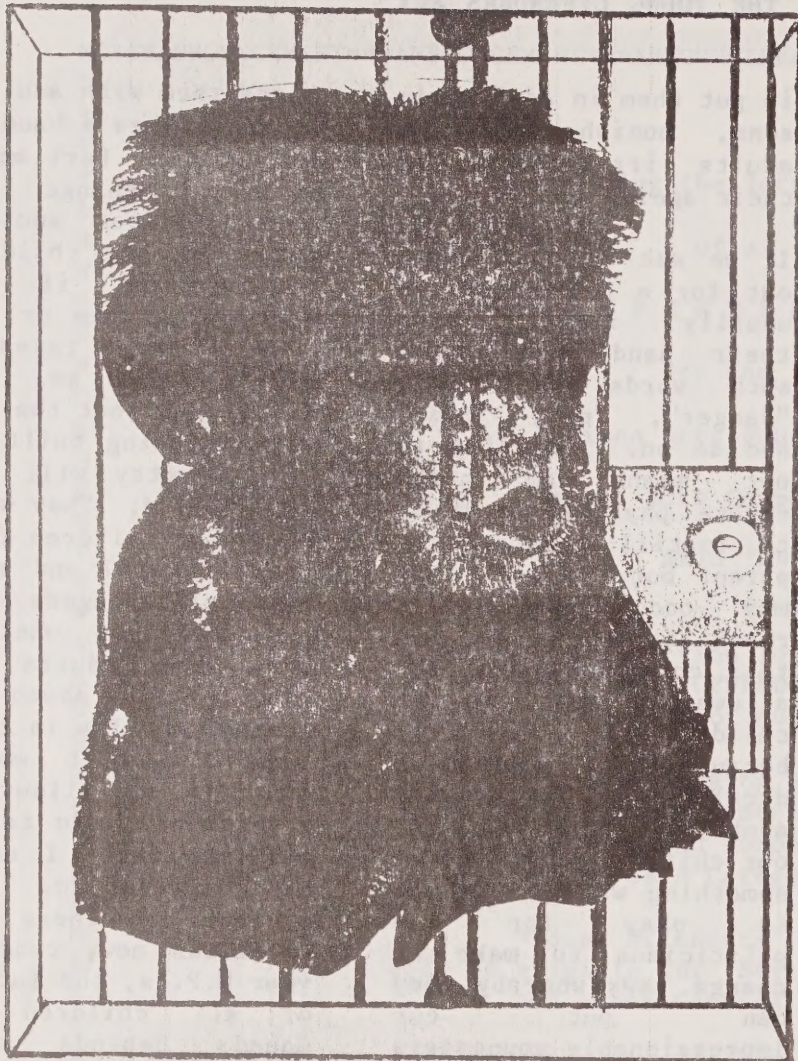
is put them in adult prisons, punish them as adults irregardless of their age.

If we see a child reach out for a hot flame, we usually react, slap their hand and repeat such words as "hot", "danger", "no", "bad", and so on. The slap is not meant to cause severe physical harm or to instill fear of the parent but the harm that may occur when they reach the hot flame. In this country we are not allowed to react to our children in this way because the government dictates this to be child abuse, so we cannot slap our children when they do something wrong. Yet it is okay for the politicians to make or change laws whereby they can put our impressionable youngsters in adult prisons where they will be regarded as pieces of meat subjected to be bought and sold, used for sexual gratification, and beaten by adult prisoners to conform them to prison life.

Our children cannot drive or own a car, drink alcohol, or get married unless they reach a certain age. Is the prime minister going to also lower the ages of driving, drinking, and getting married in this country to treat our children like adults if he is prepared to

place them with adults. It only takes a handful of votes in Parliament Hill to change the order of our society regarding our children irregardless if we agree with them or not and it only takes a minute to do so. Be for warned that the new prisons being built in this country will not go unfilled. They will house our children from ages 12 to 17 and also include teenagers who get abortions whether they are adults or not. Child abuse is against the law in this country and I won't stand by and allow the government to do to my children which I as a parent cannot do. You parents out there ask questions now, contact your M.P.'s, the future of all children in Canada depends upon your involvement with the laws being made now. Please act before its too late and your teenage boy or girl ends up in the adult prison population where horrible abuse will be inflicted upon them behind high grey walls where the government will be the only ones privacy to the abuse within. Prisons are inhuman experienced gone wrong. Don't let it happen to your children.

ANNE RIDDELL



LOOK!

I'M TIRED
OF
YOU GUYS



BOTTOM LINE !!!!!

LET'S DEAL IN "REALITY"

AM I GETTING OUT OF HERE OR NOT!

SEASON'S GREETINGS



OPENING DOORS

Since my becoming part of Prison Fellowship of Canada in the Kingston area I've been able to see first hand how Correctional Services Canada and the Directors of the different institutions are opening doors more than ever for community volunteers.

Back in the sixties when I first started to serve a federal sentence you were fortunate to see anyone allowed in. Over the years as volunteers were allowed within the walls of a prison, it became very apparent to the administrators the valuable contributions volunteers offered.

Those confined in different institutions showed much appreciation to the volunteers and cherished their presence for whatever the cause or group function.

Prison Fellowship has many volunteers across Canada going into prisons to take part in the Chaplaincy Programs. I believe I am the only one in P.F. who has served Twenty Years Federal Time, in and out of Maximums, who has been granted the privilege to go back inside to share and encourage those still confined.

Under the Chaplaincy Program of the different institutions I see P.F. volunteers being allowed to escort individuals to different Church Meetings and to the Volunteer's home for a meal.

Why do volunteers give of their time and money? Because they care!

They do not expect praise or anything else in return, but they pray and hope that the time shared with whoever may be the key factor in helping encourage an individual to turn his or her life around.

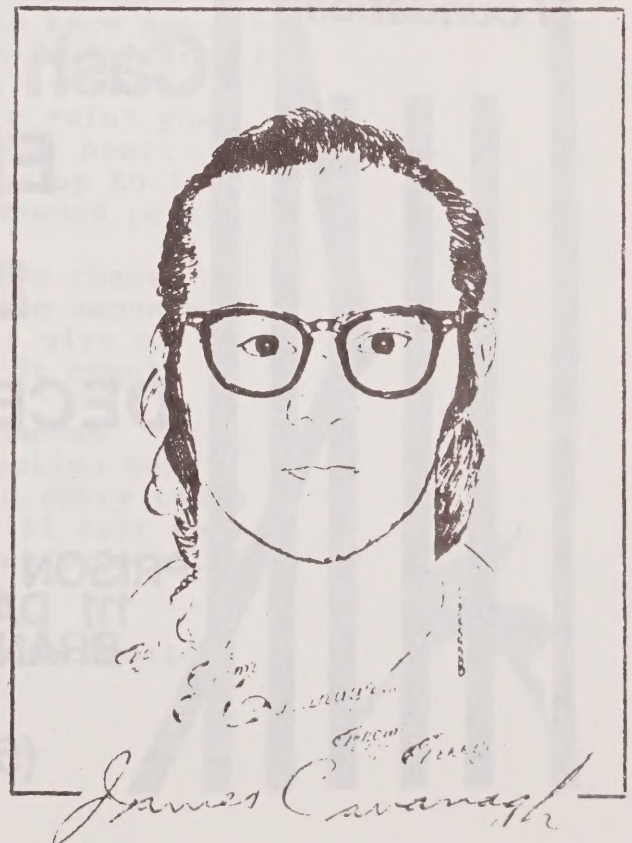
I valued the time shared by volunteers when I was a prisoner getting out on passes. The pleasure of a home cooked meal and time to meet the family members of the volunteer I was with at the time. The encouraging words spoken and to know someone in the community I had never known before my incarceration cared enough to do these things for me.

This is Charity in action for those confined in Canadian Institutions.

As Christians, we share the love of Christ in our lives and try to encourage those confined to be set free in the Spirit of Christ. St. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Romans 8:1&2.

In Christ,

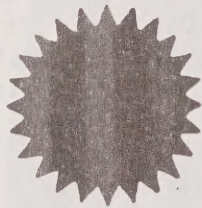
James Cavanagh,
Director Kingston Chapter,
Prison Fellowship of Canada



**THE 20TH
COMPETITION**

ARTS 89

**OF THE
PRISON ARTS
FOUNDATION**



**Prison
Arts
Foundation**

**Arts · Crafts · Photography
Music · Writing · Drama**

**Open to all inmates and
parolees in Canada**

**Cash Awards & Prizes
ENTER NOW**

**DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 30, 1989**

**PRISON ARTS FOUNDATION
111 DARLING STREET
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO
N3T 2K8**

(519) 752-7405



" THE RAINBOW CHASER "

A M A N D A

The little rainbow chaser
Greets me everyday
She tells me that she loves me
She misses me when away

Whenever I come home
She's waiting by the door
And if you get to know her
You'll know what GOD made children for

She doesn't try to "win" you
Or steal away your heart
She simply cuddles up to it
And brightens, darkened parts

The little rainbow chaser
Needs love in large amounts
Yet always seems to give of it
Exactly when in it counts

She needs someone
Loving and protecting her
In life, at dark and scary times
But I wonder if she'll ever know
The difference, she has made in mine

Lisa MacDonald

FOR MY SPECIAL
LOVING NIECE
AMANDA



SEARCHING!

OUR LIVES ARE SPENT SEARCHING
SEARCHING FOR WHAT?

WE SEARCH FOR LOVE, UNDERSTANDING
FAITH AND LOYALTY ...

WE SEARCH FOR FRIENDSHIP, PATIENCE
HONESTY AND SHARING ...

WE SEARCH FOR TOGETHERNESS, CARING
STRENGTH AND HAPPINESS ...

WE SEARCH FOR COMMITMENTS, ANSWERS
PASSION AND DESIRE ...

I HAVE FOUND WHAT I'VE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR ...

"HAVE I"???

IF NOT, WELL I GUESS THE SEARCH
GOES ON

"B. AUGER"
7/31/89

I THINK YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

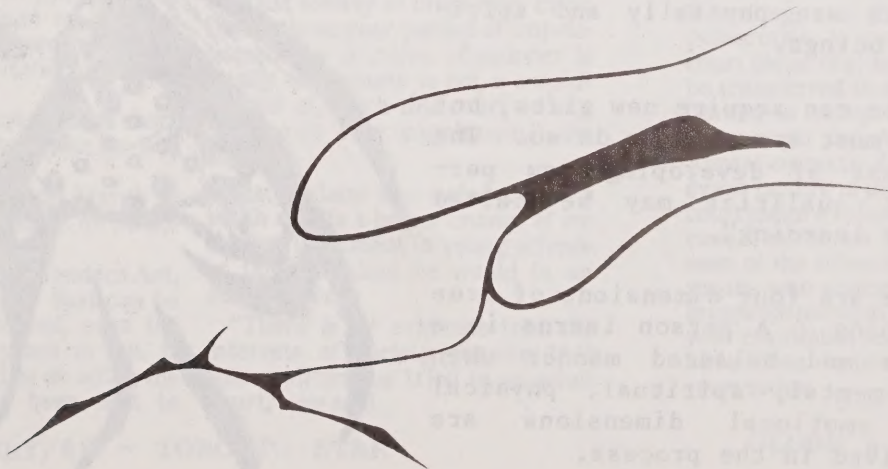
Ol' Blue Eyes...

Since I've met you, I've seen sides of you, I never thought existed.

You were everything I've wanted in a partner and a friend. You cared for me, loved me and taught me right from wrong. You gave me confidence in myself, that I never had. I put you on a pedestal, there **was** no one more perfect for me than you. Now you could say, I was naive. I molded you in my mind, of how this is how love should be. While it lasted, it was great, but after all the struggles we've conquered and how much stronger together we grew, I thought that you were the one for me. I "really" believed, it was meant to be! All the trust and love I've had for you has crumbled. It took longer than usual to see your **"TRUE COLORS"**. It was hard and it hurts me terribly, to accept this after I trusted you, shared my most inner secrets and loved you like no other. I have no regret only remorse of what could of been. How blind and naive you are! In my prayers you'll never cease, I only hope you can recognize true love exists and until you open your eyes to the fact, that.....the only perfect partner for you - is your reflection in the mirror.....

I still love and care for you, you'll always be special to me even though you **FUCKED-UP** but thats normal for you!

You know who I am and I only speak the truth, it hurts doesn't it?!



TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

1. Wholeness. All things are inter-related. Everything in the universe is a single whole. Everything is connected in some way to everything else. It is only possible to understand something if we understand how it is connected to everything else.
2. Change. Everything is in a state of constant change. One season falls upon another, people are born, live, and die. All things change. There are two kinds of change, the coming of together of things and the coming apart of things. Both kinds of change are necessary and are always connected to each other.
3. Change Occurs In Cycles Or Patterns. They are not random or accidental. If we cannot see how a particular change is connected, it usually means that our standpoint is affecting our perception.
4. The Physical World Is Real. The Spiritual World Is Real. They are two aspects of one reality. There are separate laws that govern each. Breaking of a spiritual principle will affect the physical world and vice-versa. A balanced life is one that honours both.
5. People are physically and spiritual beings.
6. People can acquire new gifts, but they must struggle to do so. The process of developing new personal qualities may be called "true learning".
7. There are four dimensions of true learning. A person learns in a whole and balanced manner when the mental, spiritual, physical and emotional dimensions are involved in the process.
8. The spiritual dimension of human development has four related capacities;
 - * the capacity to have and to respond to dreams, visions, ideals, spiritual teachings, goals and theories.
 - * the capacity to accept these as a reflection of our unknown or unrealized potential.
 - * the capacity to express these using symbols in speech, art or mathematics.
 - * the capacity to use this symbolic expression towards action directed at making the possible a reality.
9. People must actively participate in the development of their own potential.
10. A person must decide to develop their own potential. The path will always be there for those who decide to travel it.
11. Any person who sets out on a journey of self development will be aided. Guides, teachers, and protectors will assist the traveller.
12. THE ONLY SOURCE OF FAILURE IS A PERSON'S OWN FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS!



THE YOUNG OFFENDER'S ACT

Under the present guide lines of this act with respect to "juveniles" in conflict with the law, this law provides absolutely NO deterrence for YOUTHS contemplating crimes of a violent nature and therefore MUST be rectified to provide same.

However, when doing so, measures should be taken to ensure, these YOUTH OFFENDERS are not incarcerated in an adult setting, but rather in an environment conducive to REHABILITATING them and at the same time, provide relatively safe surroundings.

B O T T O M L I N E

there should not be
"DOUBLE-EDGE STANDARDS"

- the way I perceive it -

"CORKIE"

Teen murder suspect to be tried as youth



By Rick Hallechuk Toronto Star

A member of a youth gang charged with the stabbing murder of a rival gang member at a downtown nightclub last spring will be tried as a young offender.

Madam Justice Jean MacFarland of the Supreme Court of Ontario overturned on Friday a lower court decision that said the Toronto youth should be tried as an adult for the second-degree murder of James Robert Withers, 18, of Main St.

The youth was just 42 days short of his 18th birthday when he was charged.

Withers was killed last March 18 during a dance at Club Z on St. Joseph St.

Under the Young Offenders Act, the maximum penalty that can be imposed on an accused, even for murder, is three years in jail. If tried and convicted as an adult, the youth would have been sent to

prison for life with no chance of parole for at least 10 years.

The act applies to youths aged 12 to 17.

In her written decision, MacFarland said the act has been the subject of much media attention recently and that Parliament is currently considering amendments.

"That society at large may think that a three-year period of imprisonment for a crime of murder is totally inadequate is not a consideration of which this court or any court can take cognizance," she ruled.

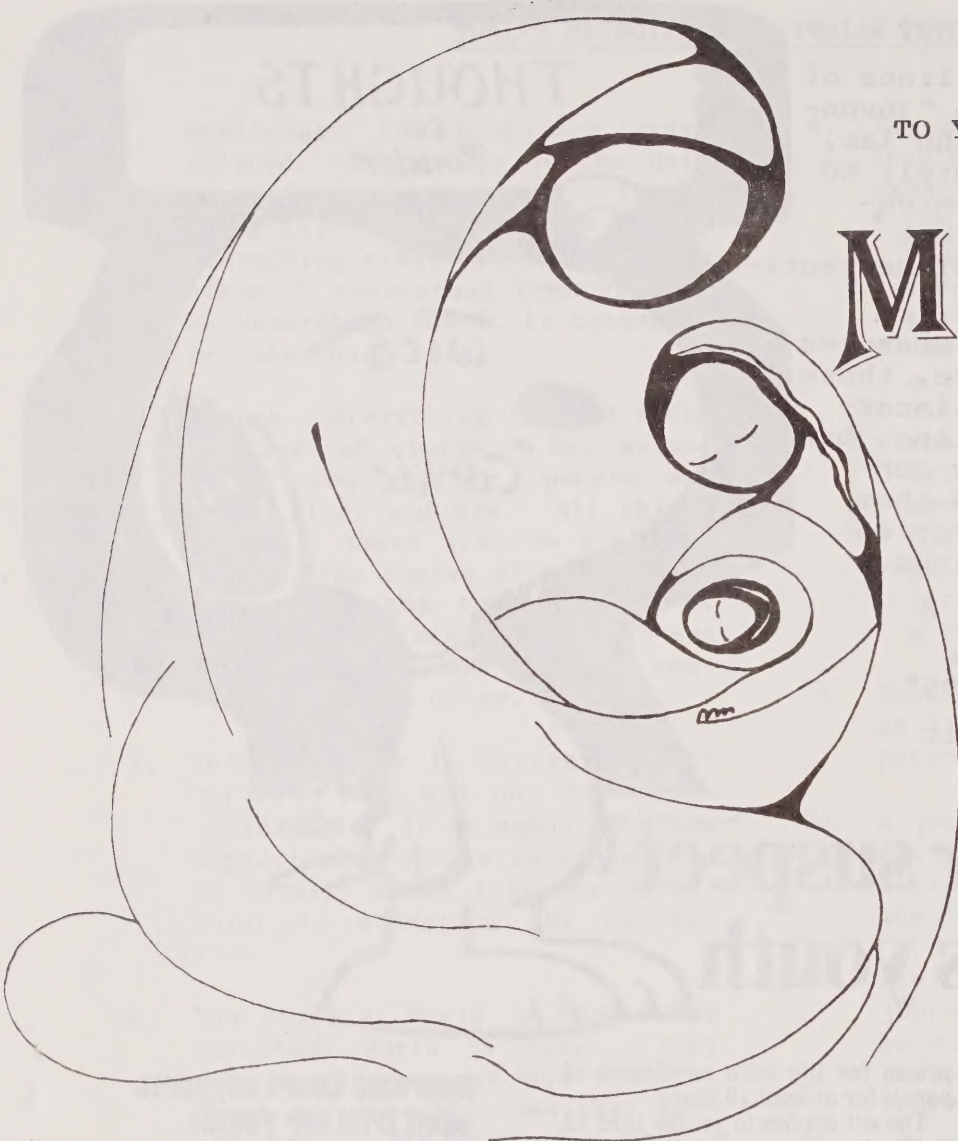
MacFarland also noted that the youth stands a better chance of receiving treatment in young offender facilities than he would in an adult prison.

"There is no evidence that the interests of society require that this applicant be tried in an adult court," she said.

Supreme Court supports adult trial for youths

OTTAWA — Two youths who were 17 years old when they were charged with strangling a middle-aged man in his Edmonton home must face trial for murder in adult court, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled yesterday. The court, in a 7-2 ruling, said the burden on the prosecution to persuade a youth court judge that such cases should be transferred to adult court is not limited to exceptional cases. The ruling said the Alberta Court of Appeal correctly dealt with the relevant factors in overruling a youth court judge's refusal to transfer the case. The factors were the seriousness of the offence, the age of the youths who committed it, and the inappropriateness of the three-year maximum sentence that could have been imposed by a youth court judge.

SEPTEMBER/89



TO YOU BEAUTIFUL

MOTHER

AN

EXTRAORDINARY

INDIVIDUAL



At one point in my very early years
Mother meant just that, the Woman who raised you
Cared for you ...MOM.

Now the meaning of the word for me
Extends all boundaries, you are truly
My Ultimate Friend, My Confidant, My Strength, My Weakness.

If I could choose now
The Woman who gave me life
It would remain as Always
YOU!

"YOU ARE TRULY BEAUTIFUL"



I Love You DAWN

THE INDIANS CREED

While he believed in many Gods; he accepted the idea of one Supreme Spirit, who was everywhere all the time; whose help was needed continually, and might be secured by prayer and sacrifice.

He believed in the immortality of the soul, and that it's future condition was to be determined by it's behaviour in this life.

He revered his body as the sacred temple of his spirit; and believed it his duty in all ways to perfect his body that his earthly record might be better.

He believed in the subjection of his body by fasting, whenever it seemed necessary for the absolute domination of the spirit; as when in some great crisis, that spirit felt the need for better insight.

He believed in reverence for his parents, and in old age supported them, even as his children to support him.

He believed in sacredness of property. Theft among indians were unknown.

He believed that the murderer must expiate his crime with life; that the nearest of kin was the proper avenger, but that for accidental manslaughter compensation might be made in goods.

He believed in beautifying all things in life, He has a song for every occasion a beautiful prayer for every stress, His garments were made beautiful with painted patterns, feather and quilt work, he had a dance for every fireside.

He has led the world in the making of beautiful baskets, blankets and canes; while the decorations he put on lodges, weapons, clothes, dishes and the dwellings, beds, cradles boards,

were among the countless evidence of his pleasure of the beautiful as he understood it.

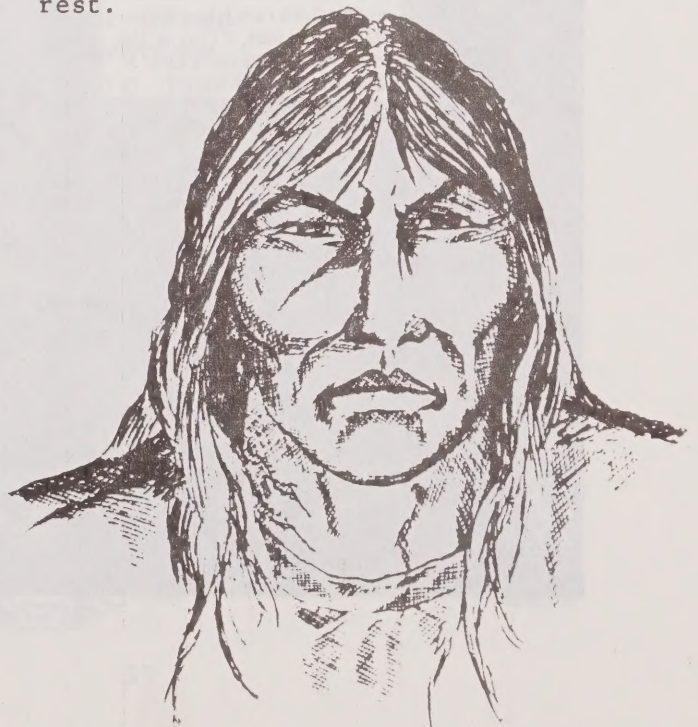
He believed in the simple life, he held first that land belonged to the tribe not to the individual; next the accumulation was the beginning of greed that grew into a monstrous crime.

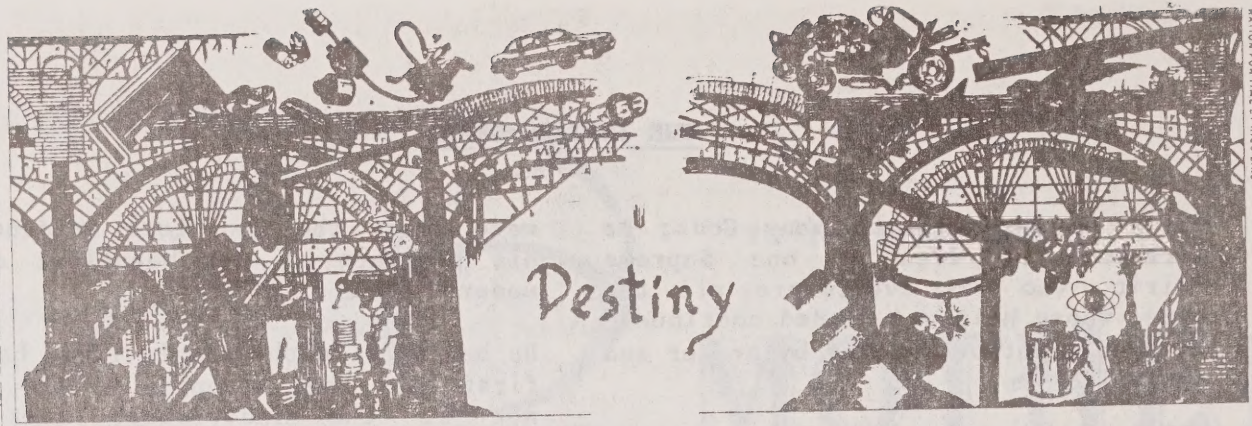
He believed in peace and the secret obligation of hospitality.

He believed that the noblest of virtues was courage and that, above all other qualities, he worshipped and prayed for. So, also, he believed that the most shameful of crime was being afraid.

He believed that he should so live that the fear of death could never enter into his heart; that when the last call came he should put on some paint and honours of a hero going home, then sing his death song then meet his death in triumph.

If we measure this great pagan by our ten commandments, we shall find that he accepted and obeyed them all, but the first and third, that is he had many lesser gods besides one Great Spirit, and he knew not the sabbath day of rest.





After his mother harangues him about the benefits of exercise, he joins a San Francisco health club. "I sleep better. I have a healthier appetite," he assures her. "I feel as if I ought to be very well satisfied with this result, when I reflect that I never was in that gymnasium but once in my life, & that was over three months ago." Shaw places a sting in the tail of a compliment. Visiting William Randolph Hearst's ostentatious ranch in California, he decides, "This is the way God would have built it, if He'd had the money."

Yes, he had come to believe at the end of this long summer that probably we had to explore into outer space, for technology had penetrated the modern mind to such a depth that voyages in space might have become the last way to discover the metaphysical pits of that world of technique which choked the pores of modern consciousness — yes we might have to go out into space until the mystery of new discovery would force us to regard the world once again as poets, behold it as savages who knew that if the universe had a lock, its key was metaphor rather than measure.

— Norman Mailer, *Of a Fire on the Moon*, 1970



GIFT OF LOVE

No greater gift was ever given
 Than the love you've given me
 There's never been a more joyful season
 Nor will there ever be
 Than any season of the year
 When you are here with me

The nights have never seemed as warm
 Nor the stars as bright and clear
 And I've never felt a deeper joy
 Than I've felt when you were near
 I cherish you and your gift of love
 Each day throughout the year

PRISONER WITHIN



"WOMEN WORKING WITH WOMEN IN JUSTICE"

MELISSA CAPLAN - Volunteer Co-ordinator
ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY OF KINGSTON

.....

There are several Elizabeth Fry Society agencies across Canada which operate Community Residential Facilities (Halfway Houses) for women on conditional release from Provincial and/or Federal institutions. Many of these facilities provide women with low-cost supportive housing, access to counselling resources, employment opportunities, and parole supervision in areas where they wish to relocate or return. Because the demand for bed-space is much greater than the actual number of available beds, women interested in living at E. Fry Halfway Houses should contact the Elizabeth Fry Society in the city of their choice as soon as possible.

A current list of Elizabeth Fry Society Community Residential Facilities appears below. In some cases, representatives from E. Fry agencies visit the institution at least once per month; feel free to make an appointment to meet with them through Case Management.

CITY/PROV.	NAME OF HOUSE	# OF BEDS	ADDRESS/CONTACT
		(federal women)	
Brampton, Ont.	Ellen House	4-5 (& 4 prov.)	Margarite Brenton E. Fry Peel/Halton 134 Queen Street East Suite #401 Brampton, Ont. L6V 1B2
Hamilton, Ont.	E. Fry Group Home	6 (& 6 prov.)	Terri-Lee Seeley/Barb Hill E. Fry of Hamilton 627 Main Street East 2nd Floor Hamilton, Ont. L8M 1J5
Kelowna, B.C.		1	Diane Wilkinson Central Okanagan E. Fry 202-1610 Bertram Street Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 2G4
Kingston, Ont.	Detweiler House	9 (& 1 prov.)	Linda Murray E. Fry Kingston 501-837 Princess Street Kingston, Ont. K7L 1G8
Montreal, Que.*	Maison Therese Grasgraine	2 (& 17 prov.)	Ruth Gagnon Societe E. Fry du Montreal 7250 Boul. St. Laurent Montreal, Que. H2R 2X9
Ottawa, Ont.	Fergusson House	3 (& 7 prov.)	Pauline Greaves E. Fry Ottawa 195A Bank Street Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1W7

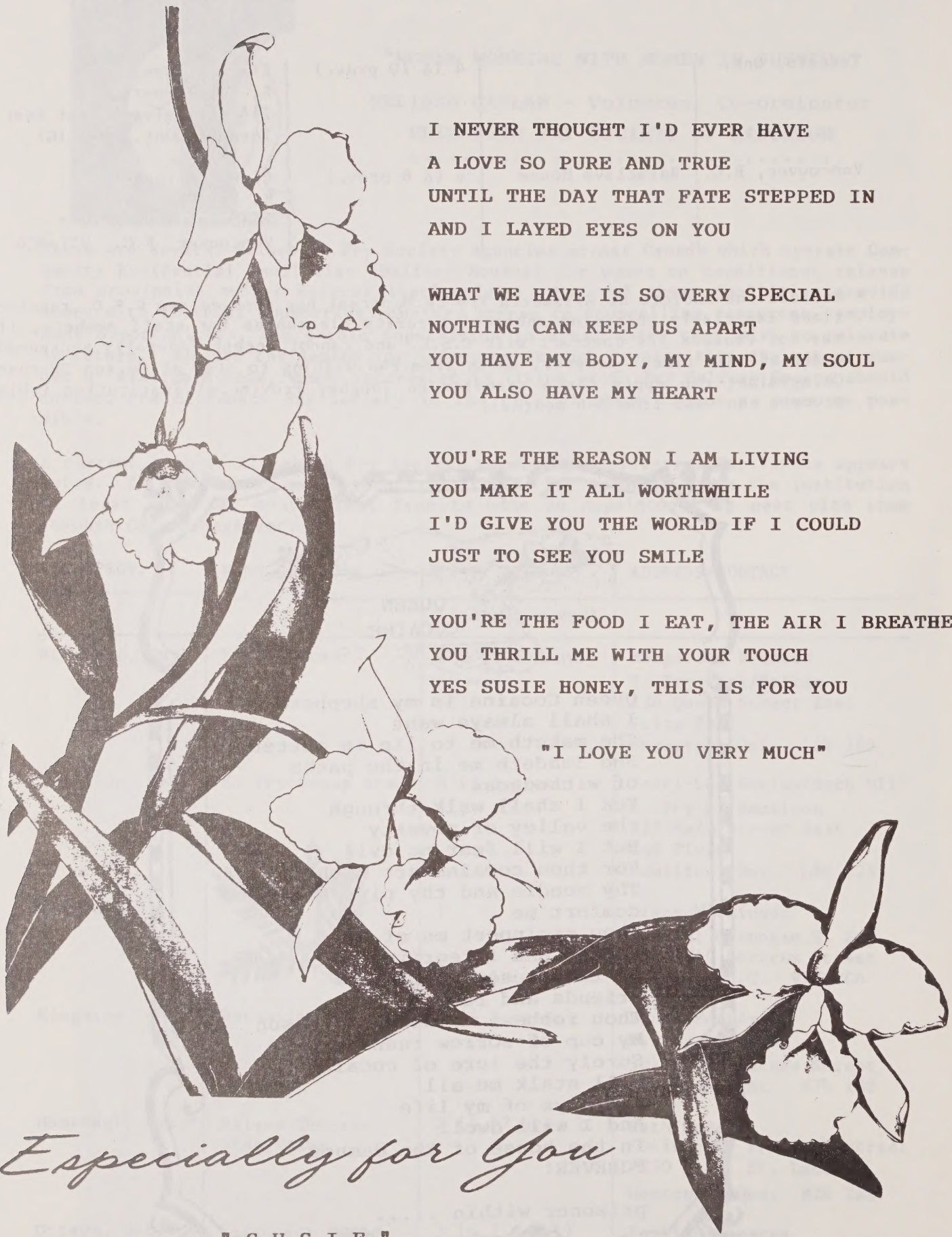
Toronto, Ont.		4 (& 10 prov.)	Eleanor Casey E. Fry Toronto 215 Wellesley Street East Toronto, Ont. M4X 1G1
Vancouver, B.C.	Balaclava House	6 (& 6 prov.)	Claus Kohlmeyer E. Fry Vancouver 2412 Columbia Street Vancouver, B.C. V5Y 3E6

* Because the Societe de Elizabeth Fry de Montreal has opposed new C.S.C. regulations especially regarding enhanced security clearances for staff members, it has not renewed its contract with C.S.C. and cannot accept federally sentenced women at this time. However, women from P4W wishing to stay at Maison Therese Gaisgraine, can apply for a transfer to Tanguay Provincial institution (this process can take from 3-6 months).



Queen Cocaine is my shepherd
I shall always want
She maketh me to lie in gutters
She leadeth me in the paths
of wickedness
Yea I shall walk through
the valley of poverty
But I will fear no evil
For thou cocaine art with me
Thy needle and thy pipe they
comfort me
Thou strippest me of my
morals and integrity
In the presence of my
friends and family
Thou robbest my head of reason
My cup of sorrow runneth over
Surely the lure of cocaine
Will stalk me all
the days of my life
And I will dwell
In the house of the damned
FOREVER!

prisoner within



I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER HAVE
A LOVE SO PURE AND TRUE
UNTIL THE DAY THAT FATE STEPPED IN
AND I LAYED EYES ON YOU

WHAT WE HAVE IS SO VERY SPECIAL
NOTHING CAN KEEP US APART
YOU HAVE MY BODY, MY MIND, MY SOUL
YOU ALSO HAVE MY HEART

YOU'RE THE REASON I AM LIVING
YOU MAKE IT ALL WORTHWHILE
I'D GIVE YOU THE WORLD IF I COULD
JUST TO SEE YOU SMILE

YOU'RE THE FOOD I EAT, THE AIR I BREATHE
YOU THRILL ME WITH YOUR TOUCH
YES SUSIE HONEY, THIS IS FOR YOU

"I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH"

Especially for You

" S U S I E "

BRENDA BLONDELL

HERSTORY - CANADA'S FIRST WOMEN'S CALENDAR CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The Saskatoon Women's Calendar Collective is celebrating the 15th anniversary of Herstory with the 1990 edition of their acclaimed appointment calendar. Highlighting Canadian women, Herstory was Canada's first calendar of its type, started in May of 1973 by a group of Saskatoon women who wished to provide a "visually exciting and inspiring outline of the struggles and achievements of Canadian women."

Each week of the calendar features a Canadian woman who represents a significant achievement in some way for all women. There are women from the past and women still struggling to create a better world today. Some pages outline issues or organizations which also have bearing on the status of Canadian women. In the 1991 Herstory, we are hoping to include pages on the Elizabeth Fry Society and Tightwire Publications.

The collective members have changed many times from the original five to the eight who worked on the 1990 edition. (Shirley Martin, Myrna Lamontagne, Gail McConnell, Patty Williams, Nancy Cochrane, Anna Marie Boquist, Mary Gilliland and Dianne Brydon.)

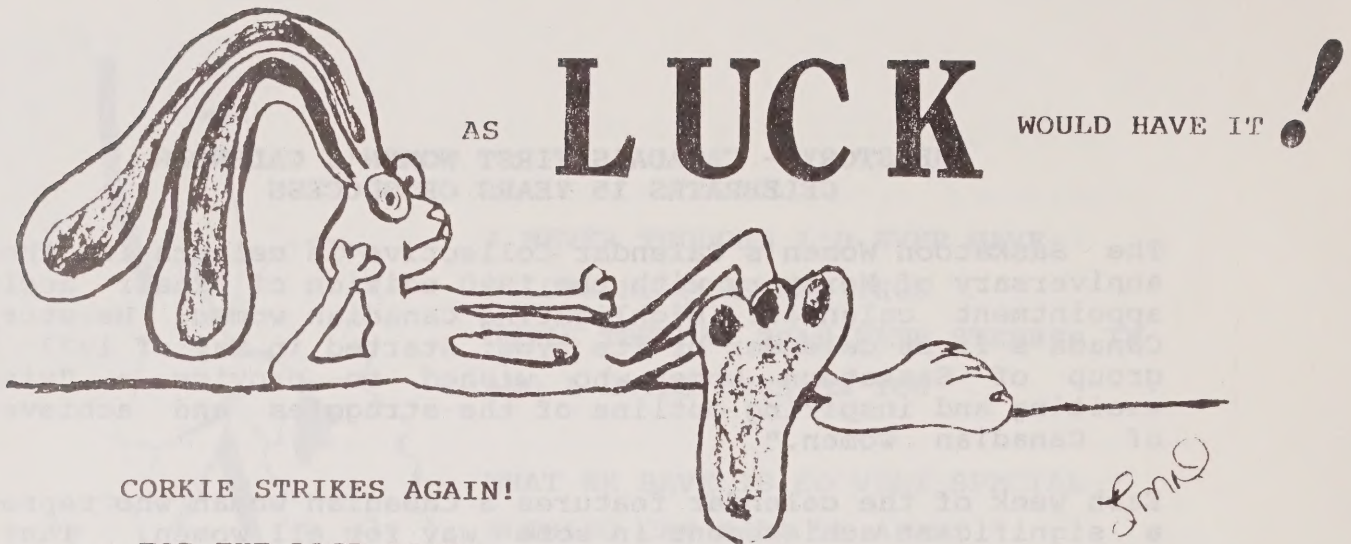
One of the original statements of purpose was to "lay groundwork for others ... to take up the challenge of continuing the much needed research on the history of Canadian women." Certainly Herstory has been a part of the consciousness and expanding interest in the "herstory" of Canadian women as well as a beautiful way to record our personal histories.

The calendar is moderately priced and available in an increasing number of outlets from Coles and Classics to the Northern Women's Bookstore.

It is exciting for the women in the collective to receive letters from their readers. In the words of Ellen Petticrew of Nova Scotia, "The women from the past show us how far we have come, but the women from the present give us role models and show us what we can be."

Herstory will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary on Saturday, October 28, 1989 from 2:00 to 4:00 at a come and go reception at the National Film Board theatre 424 - 21st Street East, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Past and Present Collective Members will attend, as well, friends of Herstory and all the women featured on the 15 years of pages of Herstory are invited. A dinner for collective members (past and present) will be held that evening. In addition, we are hoping to donate collections of the 15 years of Herstory calendars to selected Women's Centres across Canada as well as to the Canadian Encyclopedia.





CORKIE STRIKES AGAIN!

& FOR THE LAST TIME ...

A CASE OF GOOD INTENTIONS!

For the third time here at P4W
AND now is out of the running!

One dreary day here at P4W I decided to try and lift a few somewhat low-keyed spirits, perhaps my own along the way by attempting to bake a batch of cookies in our new recently attained micro-wave oven - a feat of which was not feasible due to lack of ingredients at our disposal.

HOWEVER - have no fear - UNFORTUNATELY CORKIE is here!

Despite intense pressure  put upon myself by my peers through their not only lack of enthusiasm - but down right ridicule - preceded regardless to execute my plan of endeavor along with my FAITHFUL assistant THERESA.

INGREDIENTS AT OUR DISPOSAL :

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| * instant oatmeal mix | * sugar cubes (a feat in itself to grind |
| * butter | down) |
| * peanut butter | * salt |
| * water | * one plastic spoon |
| * one juice container for mixing | |

My first MAJOR mistake - was to ad W A T E R to the oatmeal mixture - from then onwards it was ALL down hill!

Upon securing a finished mixture of the above ingredients - not to forget the NOW soggy oatmeal, THERESA and I preceded to shape into tiny balls dabbing with jam. They were then inserted into the micro-wave and left to cook at a setting of 13 min. - an educational guess on my part (not having the occasion to cook with a micro-wave previously.)

END RESULT! Although minutes later as the enticing AROMA of peanut butter filled the air affecting my previously negative peers to become now very positive to the extent of literally BEGGING for a COOKIE, I suddenly developed feelings of GRANDEUR

These FEELINGS lasted approximately 10 minutes - until I retrieved my MASTERPIECE from the micro-wave!

GOOIE - STICKY - BURNT - and to ad INSULT to INJURY - TASTELESS!!

(so much for the AROMA!)

Now once again BEING NO DUMMY - knew it was time to throw in the APRON

needless to say - LADY LUCK was nowhere to be found!

C O R I I E

FOOTNOTE

Now that I have managed to strike OUT and is no longer in the running - TIGHTWIRE would love to have YOU the PRISONER within the system submit short articles - humorous in nature to keep "AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT" alive and on-going in our publication. SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES NOW - thank you for your patronage

T H A N K S !

The new Prisoner's Committee wish to express our sincere gratitude to the previous Committee for all the things they have accomplished while in office. Your spirits were impeccable in dealing with extraordinary circumstances while under undue stress.

Brenda, the time and effort you put into all your undertakings both with administration and population is commendable. It is always very important to put our personal opinions aside when dealing with the sometimes sensitive and over-powering issues of others, while on a committee such as ours.

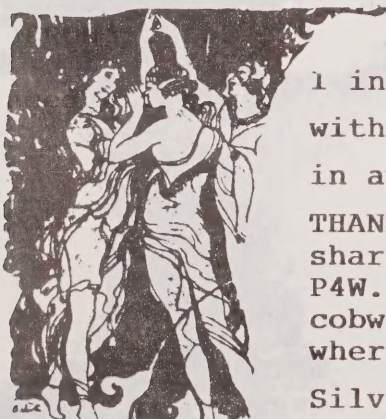
You the previous Committee have all done a remarkable job. Many thanks to BRENDA BLONDELL - Chairperson, NANCY CARBONNEAU - Secretary, SUSIE HUNT - French Rep., JOEY TWINS - Native Rep., ANN HENSON - A-Range Rep., DEBBIE HARRIS - B-Range Rep., ADELE GRUENKE - North Wing Rep., CARLEY JOHNSON - South Wing Rep., HARRIET Giesecke - Wing Rec. Rep., SILVIE BOUCHARD - Range Rec. Rep.

WELCOME to the new PRISONERS' COMMITTEE - effective Monday 23, 1989.

KIM NELSON - Chairperson, JO-ANN MAYHEW - Secretary, CORKIE BOYLAND - A-Range Rep., HEATHER LANGABEER - B-Range Rep., DEBBIE HARRIS - North Wing Rep., CARLEY JOHNSON - South Wing Rep., NATTLIE HOUT - French Rep., DELORES INNIS - Native Rep., ANN RIDDELL - Range Rec. Rep., and HARRIET GIESECKE - Wing Rec. Rep. GOOD LUCK IN OFFICE

T H E G O D D E S S

MOVIE PREMIERE



I invoke thee Holy Mother Goddess
with outstretched arms I embrace myself
in awe of the moonlight and rippling waves

THANK YOU - three beautiful ladies for coming to share the GODDESS with us in September past, here at P4W. We all needed to be purged and cleansed of the cobwebs of prison. We look forward to the next CIRCLE where we once again honour the GODDESS

Silva Basmajian - PRODUCER, Pat Hacker, Mary Manzo and Linda Nye

MARC

Wild horses can't keep us apart.



*You can count on me
to be there
whenever you need me...
to listen whenever you have
a problem you need to talk over..
to be interested in all
your special plans and dreams.
You can always count on me*

with all my love

44

"SWEETNESS"

"SWEETNESS"
0x0x0x

FREEDOM

When our Spirits can soar
Where the Eagle's fly
And our struggle for truth
Refuses to die

When the wind blows free
Across the land
And the sun shines unveiled
Where we stand

When unspoiled waters
Caress uncluttered shores
And the veins of the earth
Flow pure once more

When the smallest life
Can breathe clean air
And the most "diseased"
Learn to love and share

When our hearts beat strongly
Unshackled by hate
And our minds are unclouded
So we can relate

When our sacred "Earth Mother"
Is no longer scarred
And our people are gone
From houses that are "barred"

It is only then
We'll know FREEDOM

JAKE

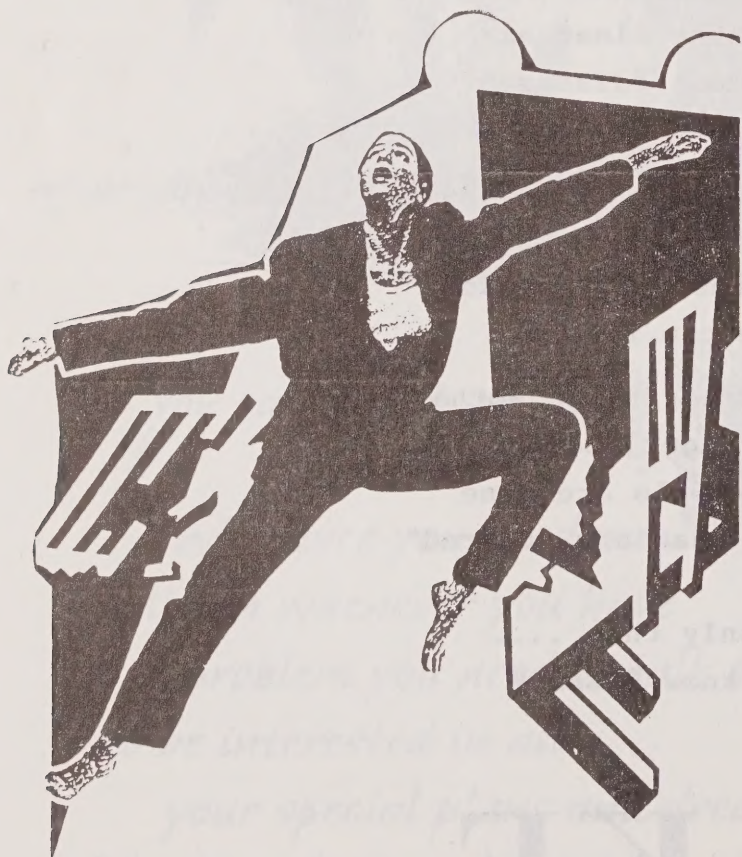
LA BAGNARDE

Qui Madame! elle cherche ... elle cherche ...
Des milliers d'idees qui ne menent nulle part
Dans un monde ciment
Aux barreaux fleuris de desespoirs
ecraser ... enfermer ... sans aucun lendemain
L'espoir qui devient desespoir

Son ombre n'est plus la ...
Compagne infidele elle est partie
Refusant d'etre l'esclave de cette bagnarde
Elle cherche .. elle cherche .. et cherchera longtemps
Jusqu au jour ou vaincu en animal blesse
Elle abandonnera et ce laissera aller
Pour trouver dans le silence sa seule liberte

Je vous vois une larme!
Pourquoi vous attrister?
"Pauvre chien" me dites-vous!
C'est une femme madame
Elle est emprisonnee
C'est celle que vos semblables ont condannees
En sois disant vouloir rendre la justice ...

N A N C Y - 89 -



P
4
W

FREEDOM FARM is an outlet designed with the concept of assisting prisoners within the Federal System to rehabilitate themselves, becoming not only law-abiding - but productive citizens to society.



The FARM is located in Erinsville, Ontario - originating in June of 88' - under the intuitive directorship of Paul Bastarache, providing skill training opportunities to prisoners in the following areas :-

PAUL BASTARACHE

Director

- * OFFICE TRAINING / SECRETARIAL PROCEDURES
- * COMPUTER INSTRUCTION
- * PRINTING
- * CABINET MAKING
- * WOOD WORKING
- * REFINISHING
- * UPHOLSTERY

FUNDED BY : - Harold King Foundation
Trillium Foundation
The Canadian Donor Foundation
The Johnson Foundation

FREEDOM FARM provides badly needed assistance in the form of - "job placements" for both prisoners incarcerated and those on Day Parole situations.

Through the experties of Paul Bastarache together with his caring and genuine concern for these prisoners, providing them with understanding and direction, has established a trust and essential support system for these less fortunate individuals of our society.

The FREEDOM FARM success rate thus far - is running 100%, consequently emanating CREDITABILITY when directly dealing with C.O.s and Parole Boards.

I wish to express on behalf of PRISONERS within the system our sincere GRATITUDE to Mr. Bastarache for his conscientious and most diligent efforts he is putting forth in this area of the penal system.

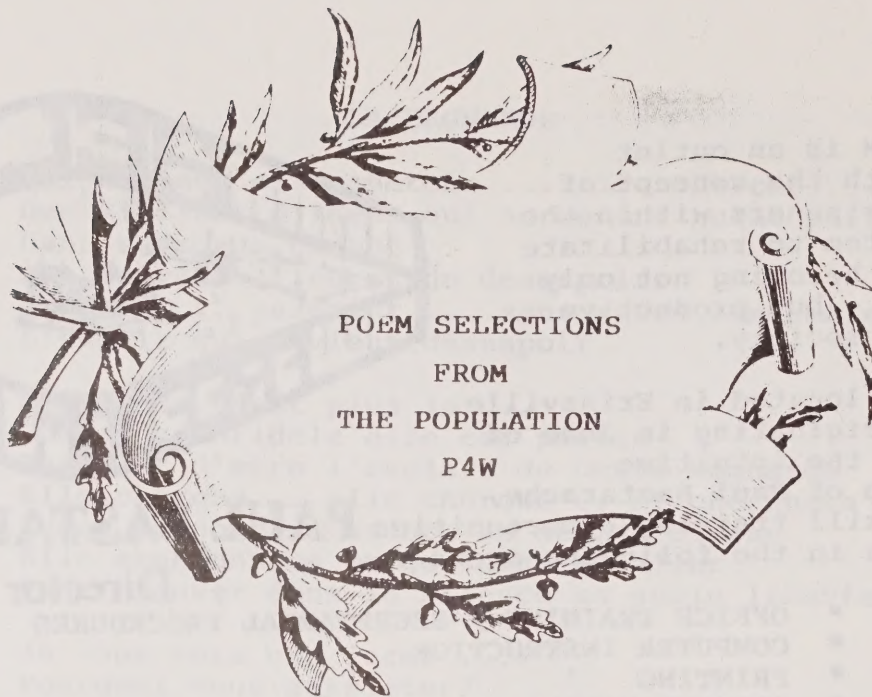
"CORKIE"

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

REV'S MESSAGE!!!!

Paul commanded the Philippian church to be joyful. One of the most missing qualities of our lives is joy. We, who should be most joyous because of God's goodness to us and especially when we recall the joy of CHRISTMAS are often most miserable. May the true joy of the CHRISTMAS season be yours this year through the Christ of Christmas.

Reverend John Downs



POEM SELECTIONS
FROM
THE POPULATION
P4W

SPIRIT GUIDE

Oh great spirit guide us in
Our time of need and give us
The strength to deal with the
Troubled times, that we have
Behind these walls for without
Your help we are powerless
For with all hurt and anger
We have with in ourselves we
Need the strength to push on
Ward and up ward. Oh Great
Spirit give us the strength to carry on

ESTHER BOLTON

"IT IS UP TO YOU!"

A BODY IN MOTION
STAYS IN MOTION
SAME GOES FOR THE MIND
WHO NEEDS MOTIVATION
FOR THIS PLACE IS UNKIND
SUCH A COLD HABITATION
IT'S UP TO YOU, TO BE YOUR LEADER
'CAUSE IN THE END, YOU'LL BREATHE MUCH LONGER

Susie Hunt - Sept / 89 seg

.....

.....

ODE TO EOGHANLONG KESH

O Grand Land
Remember the famine?
I have shed blood on you
For over a thousand years
And you don't even thank me
I cry behind concrete and steel
And scream in endless night
Sitting in this Irish gaol
For the rest of my life
To only touch your face
To squeeze you tight against my breast
To feed and shave you
And smoke a cigarette
For you I could not replace
My tears and blood are upon you now
As it were yesterday
I hear you, I feel you
I sometimes even touch you
In those O but quiet hours
Hours of grace and pain
Hours without a face or name
Days of doubt and shame
All but flushed down the drain
If I were to ever love another man
None come before you Irish man
For our eyes see
And our ears hear
Our cries within the grand land

COLLEEN STONECHILD

OUR DAY

I PRAY TO GOD THEE COME A DAY
I PRAY TO GOD THERE COME A DAY
WHEN I WON'T HAVE TO BE SO FAR AWAY
REMEMBER ALWAYS I LOVE YOU TWO
AND WITHOUT YOU I AM SO BLUE
SO NOW MY BABIES GO AND PLAY
FOR GOD WILL GRANT THAT SPECIAL DAY

Susan Brooks

submitted by - Cecilia David



"MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU"

My gift to you is in this poem
There's love between each line
And even though we're miles apart
You're with me all the time
The love we share is so unique
So right, so rare, so true
And I'm writing this to let you know
Just how much I love you
So think of me when you read these words
I mean every word I say
And I hope it tells you how I feel
So in love in everyway

Lu-Ann Johnson

MERRY CHRISTMAS





Important

Tightwire

WE

NEED



YOUR PAID SUBSCRIPTION
TO SURVIVE !

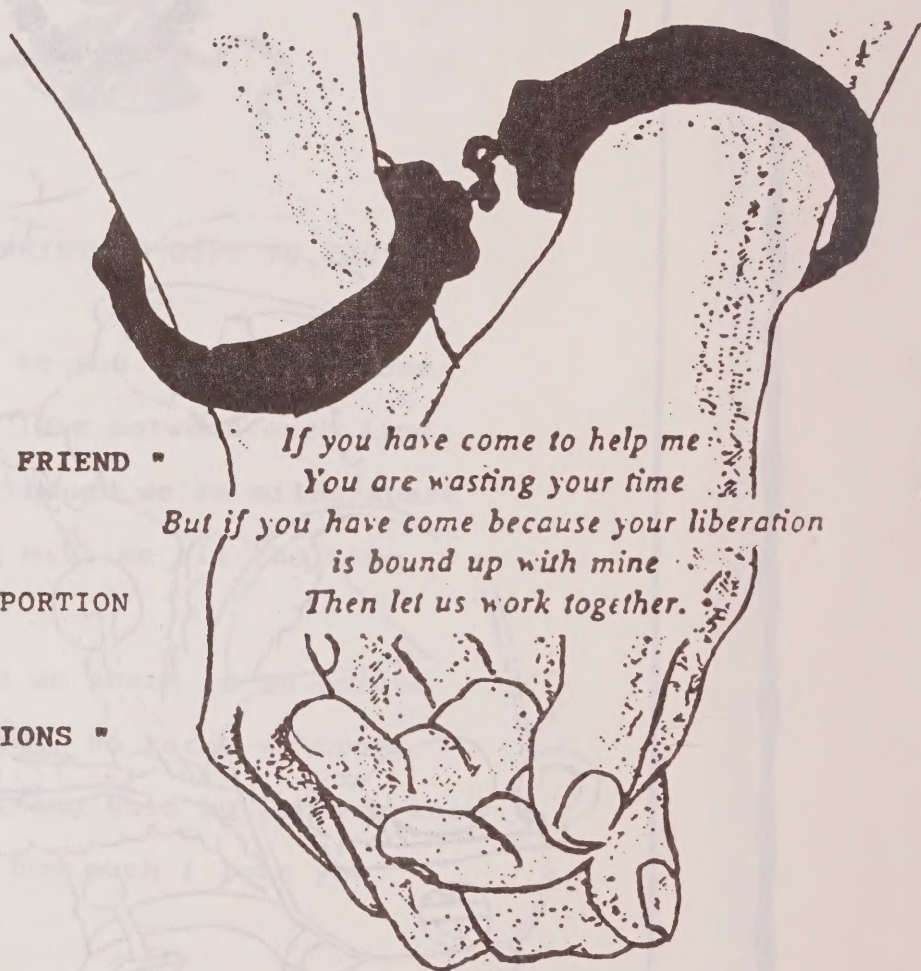
" PLEASE SUPPORT US & TELL A FRIEND "

SEND MONEY ORDER AND BOTTOM PORTION
OF THIS SUBSCRIPTION FORM

TO :-

" TIGHTWIRE PUBLICATIONS "

P.O. Box 515,
KINGSTON,
Ontario.
K7L 4W7



If you have come to help me

You are wasting your time

*But if you have come because your liberation
is bound up with mine
Then let us work together.*

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

CHECK ✓ WHICH APPLICABLE

ONE YEAR : \$10.00

TWO YEARS : \$18.00

NEW SUBSCRIPTION :

RENEWAL :

CHANGE OF ADDRESS :

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

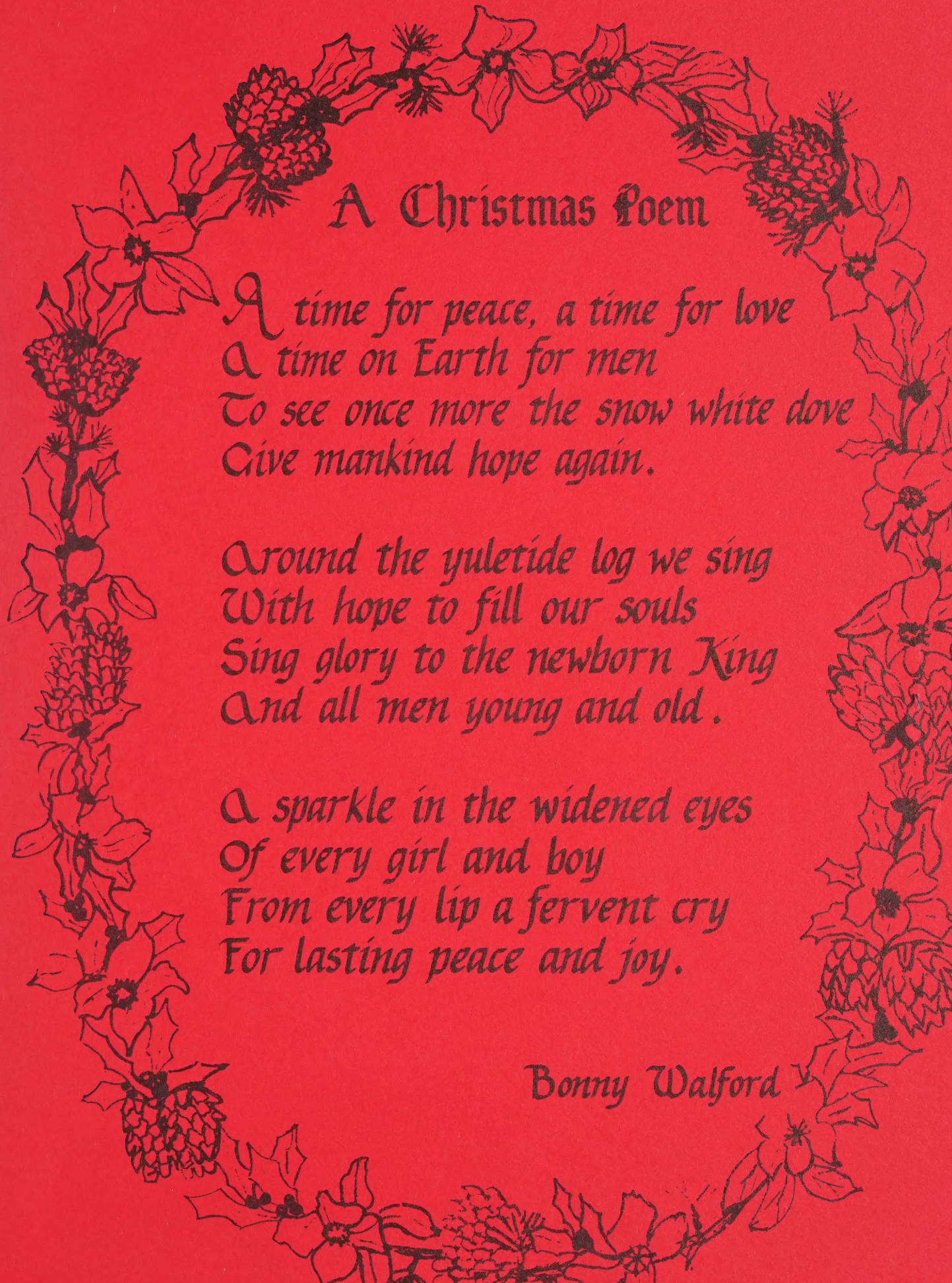
NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

POSTAL CODE

Thank You !



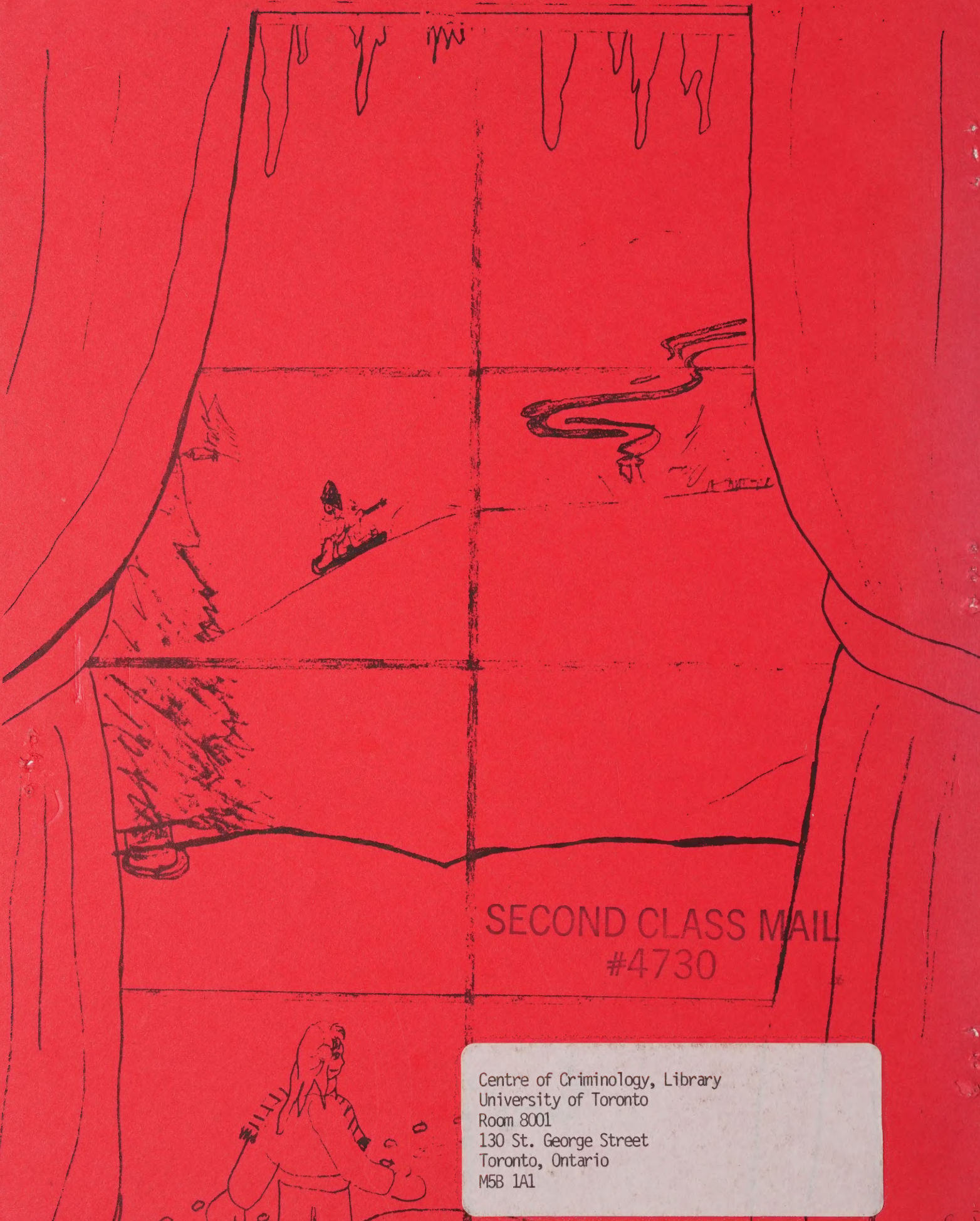
A Christmas Poem

A time for peace, a time for love
A time on Earth for men
To see once more the snow white dove
Give mankind hope again.

Around the yuletide log we sing
With hope to fill our souls
Sing glory to the newborn King
And all men young and old.

A sparkle in the widened eyes
Of every girl and boy
From every lip a fervent cry
For lasting peace and joy.

Bonny Walford



SECOND CLASS MAIL
#4730

Centre of Criminology, Library
University of Toronto
Room 8001
130 St. George Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5B 1A1

I HOLD ON TO MY MEMORIES THROUGH CHRISTMAS' THAT CANNOT BE!